

## PHD DEGREE OBJECTIVE CHECKLIST

### Steps toward degree and timeline for adequate progress:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Major Professor (form)<br>[end of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester]   | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Written Comprehensive Exam<br>[4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> semester]  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Advisory Committee (forms)<br>[end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester]   | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Oral Comprehensive Exam (form)<br>[4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> semester] All information must be provided to Graduate Coordinator's office three weeks prior to desired date for oral exam. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Preliminary Program of Study (form)<br>[end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester]  | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Admission to Candidacy (form)<br>[end of 5 <sup>th</sup> semester]   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Dissertation Proposal Defense (form)<br>[4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> semester]   | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Graduation Application (online)<br>[Before beginning of 8 <sup>th</sup> semester] Please note Graduate School Website for Deadline.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Human Subjects [Yes No]<br>If yes, project approval # _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Doctoral Dissertation Approval And<br>Final Oral Examination (form)<br>[end of 8 <sup>th</sup> semester]  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Final Program of Study (form)<br>[4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> semester] Must be approved by Grad School before Oral Comp Exam can be scheduled |  |

### Program of Study Checklist (32 hours):

#### Graduate School Requirements:

30 hours of degree credit: Must include 16 hours of course work at 8000- and/or 9000-level, excluding GEOG 9000, 9005, 9300 and all independent study or directed problems courses (6000- or 7000-level graduate-only courses that meet requirements must be marked with an \*); 3 hours of GEOG 9300 must be counted in the required 30 hrs.

#### Departmental Requirements:

##### **Four (4) core courses (8 hours) must appear on your Program of Study:**

- GEOG 8900 (1 hr) (Repeat if taken at Master's level).
- GEOG 8901 (1 hr) (Repeat if taken at Master's level).
- GEOG 8910 (3 hrs) (Unless taken at Master's level or waived by permission of instructor if student has completed a similar course in Master's program elsewhere. If waived, 1 additional 3-hour graduate-only course, not including GEOG 9000 or any Directed Problems course from any department, must be substituted).
- GEOG 9300 (3 hrs) (You are not allowed to enroll in this course more than once (3 hrs only) prior to passing Written & Oral comprehensive exams)

##### **Eight (8) additional graduate-level courses (24 hours), or 9 additional courses (27 hours) if waived from GEOG 8910, according to the following conditions:**

- Four (4) courses (12 hours), or 5 courses (15 hours) if waived from GEOG 8910, must be available only to graduate students. These courses plus GEOG 8900, 8901 & 8910 surpass the Grad School's 16 hr requirement for 8000-level courses). 6000- and 7000-level graduate-only courses must be marked with an \*.
- GEOG 9000 cannot be counted among the 8 (9) courses
- No more than 3 hrs of Directed Problems courses from Geography (e.g., GEOG 8290, 8390, 8590, 8690) or any other department can appear on the Program of Study
- GEOG 6920 & 6921 cannot appear on the Program of Study

##### **Department Research Skills Requirement:**

- At least 6 hours of graduate-level "skills" classes approved by doctoral committee. [see appropriate section of the Policies and Procedures document for additional details].