

PhD – Degree Milestones & Program of Study (POS) CHECKLIST

STEPS TOWARD DEGREE AND TIMELINE FOR ADEQUATE PROGRESS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Major Professor | [end of 1 st semester] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Advisory Committee | [end of 2 nd semester] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Preliminary Program of Study | [end of 2 nd semester] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Dissertation Proposal Defense | [4 th or 5 th semester] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Final Program of Study | [4 th or 5 th semester] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Subjects [<input type="checkbox"/> Yes/ <input type="checkbox"/> No] | If yes, project approval # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Written & Oral Comprehensive Exam | [4 th or 5 th semester] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Admission to Candidacy | [end of 5 th semester] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Graduation Application | [by 2 nd week of 8 th semester] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Dissertation Defense | [8 th semester] |

PROGRAM OF STUDY (POS) CHECKLIST (32 HOURS):

- When completing the [Program of Study \(POS\) form](#) in GradStatus: list courses in the order they were taken.

Graduate School Requirements:

- ☐ Thirty (30) hours of degree credit:
 - ☐ Must include 16 hrs. of course work at 8000 and/or 9000-level, excluding GEOG 9000, 9005, 9300 and all independent study or directed problems courses
 - ☐ 3 hours of GEOG 9300 must be counted in the required 30 hrs.

NOTE: GRSC 7770 is required for **ALL Teaching Assistants** (TA):

- ☐ it does not count toward the program of study.

Department of Geography Requirements:

Core (4 core courses (8 hours) must appear on your Program of Study):

- ☐ GEOG 8900 (1 hr.) (Repeat if taken at Master's level).
- ☐ GRSC 7001 (1 hr.) - GradFIRST Seminar
- ☐ GEOG 8910 (3 hrs.) – Geographic Thought and Methods
 - ☐ Unless taken at Master's level or waived by permission of instructor if student has completed a similar course in Master's program elsewhere.
 - o 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.) – Research credits
 - ☐ Students are not allowed to enroll in this course more than once (3 hrs.) prior to passing Written & Oral comprehensive exams.
 - o A minimum of 3 hours of GEOG 9300 must be listed on the program of study.

Electives (8 additional graduate-level courses (24 hours), or 9 additional grad-level 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 graduate-level only (above the 8000 level).
 - ☐ These courses plus 8900, 8901 & 8910 surpass the Grad School's 16 hrs. requirement for 8000-level courses.
 - ☐ If you add to the POS a 6000/7000-level course open only to graduate students, check the 'Grad Level Only?' box on the form. Otherwise, this fact may get overlooked.
- ☐ GEOG 9000 cannot be counted among electives.
- ☐ 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 (Special Prob. in Area Analysis) & 6921 (Directed Topics in Ind. Research) cannot appear on the POS.
- ☐ Department **Research Skills** Requirement:
 - ☐ At least 6 hours of graduate-level "skills" classes selected with your advisor and approved by the committee must be noted on POS from the above elective courses.