PHD DEGREE OBJECTIVE CHECKLIST

Steps toward degree and timeline for adequate progress:

☐ 1. Major Professor (form)
   [end of 1st semester]

☐ 2. Advisory Committee (forms)
   [end of 2nd semester]

☐ 3. Preliminary Program of Study (form)
   [end of 2nd semester]

   [4th or 5th semester]

☐ 5. Human Subjects [Yes No]
   If yes, project approval #

☐ 6. Final Program of Study (form)
   [4th or 5th semester] Must be approved by Grad School before Oral Comp Exam can be scheduled

☐ 7. Written Comprehensive Exam
   [4th or 5th semester]

☐ 8. Oral Comprehensive Exam (form)
   [4th or 5th semester] All information must be provided to Graduate Coordinator’s office three weeks prior to desired date for oral exam.

☐ 9. Admission to Candidacy (form)
   [end of 5th semester]

☐ 10. Graduation Application (online)
     [Before beginning of 8th semester] Please note Graduate School Website for Deadline.

☐ 11. Doctoral Dissertation Approval And Final Oral Examination (form)
     [end of 8th semester]

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].