



Ph.D. Program of Study Planning Document

Name: _____ Student #: _____

Address: _____ Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Cell phone: _____

Mentor/Academic advisor: _____

Date Admitted into Program: _____

Projected Date of Program Completion: _____

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

The residency requirement has been established to ensure that (a) the Ph.D. program is reasonably compact, continuous, and coherent and (b) a substantial portion is done at the University and under close University supervision.

Not more than one-third of the work for residency or nine hours total credit may be taken during the summer sessions.

Listed below are ways in which students can meet the residency requirement. Check the method that will apply for this program.

___ For a student beginning the Ph.D. program at the University of Nebraska system with a bachelor's degree, the residency requirement for the Ph.D. is 27 hours of graduate work within a consecutive 18-month period or less, with the further provision that 15 of these 27 hours must be taken after receiving the master's degree or its equivalent.

___ For a student who transfers to the University of Nebraska system with a master's degree or professional degree (e.g., Au.D.) from another institution or who takes a break in his/her graduate work at the University of Nebraska between the time of the awarding of such a degree and the time he/she starts work on a Ph.D. program, the residency requirement for the Ph.D. is 27 hours of graduate work in a consecutive 18-month period or less.

___ For a member of the University staff who is engaged at least half time in instruction or research in his/her major department or a person employed in his/her major field, the residency requirement is 24 credit hours of graduate work within a consecutive two-year period with the further provision that he/she take at least 12 of these after receiving the master's degree or its equivalent.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES OF Ph.D. STUDIES

Clearly state the goals for your Ph.D. studies to provide direction for courses and experiences included in the program of studies.

AREA OF EMPHASIS

The area of emphasis component addresses both the academic and experiential knowledge necessary for students to gain professional competence in their area of focus. The minimum credit hour requirement for the area of emphasis is at the discretion of the student's Supervisory Committee.

Proposed Courses

Dept./No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
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Courses in Progress or Completed

Dept./No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
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Professional Experiences

SECOND OR RELATED AREA OF EMPHASIS

The area of emphasis component addresses both the academic and experiential knowledge necessary for students to gain professional competence in their area of focus. The minimum credit hour requirement for a second or related area of emphasis is at the discretion of the student's Supervisory Committee.

Proposed Courses

Dept./No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
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Courses in Progress or Completed

Dept./No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
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Professional Experiences

STATISTICS AND RESEARCH DESIGN

All Ph.D. students must complete at least fifteen credits of coursework in statistics and research design. Additional coursework is at the discretion of the Supervisory Committee.

Proposed Courses

Dept./No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
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Courses in Progress or Completed

Dept./No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
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DOCTORAL SEMINARS

All Ph.D. students must complete at least four doctoral research seminars under the supervision of a faculty member and before registering for dissertation credit.

Seminar Focus	Faculty Member	Proposed Product
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Seminar 1:

Seminar 2:

Seminar 3:

Seminar 4:

TEACHING/SUPERVISORY/SERVICES EXPERIENCES

The method for completing this requirement should be documented.

DISSERTATION

Each candidate must complete a dissertation that demonstrates the acquisition of a high level of research skill and the subsequent generation of new knowledge in one's field of study. The project must be proposed to, monitored by, and approved by the candidate's Supervisory Committee. A general topic may be stated below. Most students enroll for at least 12-55 hours of dissertation credit (SPED 999 - Doctoral Dissertation).

The dissertation is of no fixed length. It should treat a subject from the candidate's special field and be approved by the supervisory committee. It should show technical mastery of the field and advance or modify former knowledge—that is, it should treat new materials, find new results, draw new conclusions, or interpret old materials in a new light.

Research activities involving human subjects or live vertebrate animals may not be conducted at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln unless the research activities have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board.

SUMMARY

Summary of requirements for Ph.D. degree program:

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| 1. Credit hours transferred to the Ph.D. program from another institution | _____ |
| 2. Credit hours in which incomplete, pass, or letter grade report have been received from UNL courses including MS at UNL | _____ |
| 3. Credit hours in progress or to be taken | _____ |
| 4. Total credit hours in program | _____ |

NOTES:

1. At least 45 credit hours must be completed at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (lines 2 and 3). For students in the combined Au.D./Ph.D. program, at least 60 credit hours must be completed at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (lines 2 and 3).
2. Students must complete at least 45 credit hours after approval of the program (line 3). Combined Au.D./Ph.D. students must complete at least 60 credit hours after approval of the Ph.D. program (line 3).
3. The minimum number of credit hours for Ph.D. programs is 90 hours (line 4). For combined Au.D./Ph.D. programs, the minimum number of credit hours is 120 hours (line 4).

PROGRAMS OFTEN EXCEED THE MINIMUMS NOTED ABOVE.

Student

Date

Faculty Mentor

Date