

## DOCTORATE PROGRAM OUTLINE

### Course Requirements:

1. Research methods course(s) in CAS 3 credit minimum (List courses separately)

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2. Course work outside communication (9 credit minimum)<sup>(a)</sup>

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Course work in CAS (minimum of 21 credits beyond the M.A.)<sup>(b)</sup>

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_
- g. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Scholarship and Research Integrity (SARI) Courses

Online Component: (Two online courses, completed before November 1, first semester, unless completed as part of MA conferred at Penn State)

- a.  Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR).
- b.  Social and Behavioral Human Subjects Research (IRB).

Discussion Component: (5 Hours; completed during first year; identify the appropriate dates on each line).

- a. 2-Hour Departmental Workshop date: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. 2-Hour Departmental Workshop date: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 1-Hour Office for Research Protection Event date: \_\_\_\_\_  
and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Functions:

4. Committee Members:<sup>(c)</sup>

Chairperson:<sup>(d)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Members: \_\_\_\_\_

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Outside Member: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Required Meetings: (Please indicate the appropriate date for each)<sup>(e)</sup>

- a. Candidacy Examination (prior to completion of 12 credits past M.A.)

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- b. Comprehensive Oral Examination \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Dissertation Proposal/Prospectus \_\_\_\_\_

- d. Final Oral Examination \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES:

<sup>(a)</sup>Candidate must successfully complete these courses (grades of A or B).

<sup>(b)</sup>No more than 6 credits of independent research or internship in communication arts and Sciences may be counted toward the total credits for the Ph.D. No independent research credits may be counted toward the minimum of 21 credits.

<sup>(c)</sup>Doctoral committees must be composed of a minimum of four members of the graduate faculty. At least three must be from communication arts & sciences, and at least one must be from outside the department.

<sup>(d)</sup>Any member of the graduate faculty may serve on a Ph.D. committee and may advise a Ph.D. thesis.

<sup>(e)</sup>For any of the required meetings of a student's doctoral committee to be official there must be a minimum of four members present, two of whom represent the major field and one of whom represents the outside field.