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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO
GRADUATE SCHOOL
DOCTORAL PLAN OF STUDY

Legal Name:

BEAR EMAIL:

LAST 4 OF BEAR ID#:

DEGREE PROGRAM:

Catalog Year:

EMPHASIS (if applicable):

MINOR (if applicable):

RESEARCH CORE (12 hours required)

Doctoral students must complete a research core of at least 12 semester hours of research courses or methods of inquiry designated as appropriate to the discipline and approved by the Graduate Council. Courses numbered XXX 622 (Directed Studies) shall not be used to substitute for courses in the research core. Also, courses numbered 797 and 799 cannot be included.

Course Prefix, Number, Title and Credit Hours

Example: SRM 700 Advanced Research Methods 3 hours

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL/DISSERTATION CREDITS
(16 hours required if applicable)**

Course Prefix, Number, Title and Credit Hours

RESEARCH TOOLS

All doctoral students must demonstrate competency in two acceptable research tools. A research tool is defined as exhibiting advanced knowledge and/or demonstrating a set of skills related to a specifiable technique or method that contributes to the student's ability to conduct doctoral level research in the discipline. Schools/departments will determine acceptable research tools such as languages, applied statistics, mathematical statistics, research methods, and computer languages/applications. Research tools must include a description of competency, plan to attain competency including relevant course work, and means the department will use to evaluate and verify competency. You should be able to provide a title or name for the tool, e.g., Qualitative Research Methods. Course work numbered 797 and 799 is not acceptable as part of research tools.

RESEARCH TOOL #1:

COMPETENCY:

Example: Quantitative Research to be attained by satisfactory completion (grade of 'B' or better) of course work as listed below

Course Prefix, Number, Title and Credit Hours

Listed Above

RESEARCH TOOL #2 OR COLLATERAL FIELD*:

COMPETENCY:

Course Prefix, Number, Title and Credit Hours

Listed Above

***COLLATERAL FIELD**

With the approval of the major school/department and the Dean of the Graduate School doctoral students may use a collateral field of study as a substitute for one of the research tools. A collateral field of at least 12 credit hours is defined as advanced and specialized or focused knowledge and competence with a specifiable content area or skill area from a related discipline that contributes to the student's ability to conduct doctoral level research in their major discipline (e.g., advanced cognitive theory, applications of distance education technology or multimedia technology to the classroom). The level of competency and the assessment of competency is established by each school/department and must be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COURSE WORK
Course Prefix, Number, Title and Credit Hours

MINOR REQUIREMENTS (if applicable)
Course Prefix, Number, Title and Credit Hours

Listed Above

TRANSFER CREDITS (if applicable)

Transfer courses must be from accredited institutions of higher education that offer equivalent level degrees, must be numbered as graduate level according to the course numbering system at the originating institution, compatible with the student's program, and must be equivalent to an "A", "A-", "B+", "B" or "B-" grade. Transfer credit cannot be used to meet any residency requirement and is not used in the calculation of the graduate grade point average. A student who wishes to transfer credit from another university must obtain and complete a *Transfer of Credit* form at <http://www.unco.edu/graduate-school/pdf/Transfer-of-credit.pdf> and must obtain an official transcript(s) showing the course(s) to be transferred. Doctoral students must complete a minimum of 40 semester hours through UNC of the 64 minimum required for a doctoral degree (if student has a master's degree). All program requirements, including transfer work, must be completed within the time limits of the degree program.

Name of College/University, Prefix, Course #, Course Title, Semester/Quarter/Year, and Grade:

Example: Colorado State University, CHEM 559, Biochemistry I, Fall 2020, 3 sem hrs, 'A'

TOTAL TRANSFER CREDIT HOURS:

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS

A doctoral student who possesses a master's degree must earn a minimum of 64 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the master's degree. A student who possesses only a baccalaureate degree must earn a minimum of 94 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the baccalaureate degree. Schools may have requirements that exceed the minimums established by the University.

TOTAL UNC HOURS:

TOTAL TRANSFER HOURS:

TOTAL HOURS:

APPROVALS

The Graduate School requires the signature of the student and the program advisor. Please keep a copy of this form for your records. A copy should be given to your program advisor.

Student Signature

Date

Program Advisor

Date