Appendix G: Ph.D. Requirement Checklist for Psychology

1. **A master's degree** in Psychology. Date completed __________________________

2. **Complete all required didactic coursework for the Ph.D. in Psychology program**

In total, the Ph.D. in Psychology requires completion of a minimum of 31 didactic credits for students entering the program without a master’s degree. The didactic coursework may be completed at any time throughout the M.S. or Ph.D. program. The M.S. Plan of Study should include only the first 16 credits completed from the list below. All courses from the list below should appear on the Ph.D. Plan of Study, including those that appeared on the M.S. Plan of Study. Didactic courses on the Ph.D. Plan of Study must include a minimum of 15 doctoral level credits (700 or 800 level).

**Quantitative & Methods (9 credits)**
- PSYC 640 Experimental Methods; Semester & Year _____________
- PSYC 761 Applied Research Design; Semester & Year _____________
- PSYC 762 Advanced Research Methods and Analysis; Semester & Year _____________

**Core Areas of Psychology (12 credits)**
- PSYC 731 Fundamental Processes in Cognition (Cognitive Psychology); Semester & Year ______
- PSYC 771 Social/Health Psychology Research (Health Psychology); Semester & Year__________
- PSYC 720 Cognitive Neuroscience (Neuroscience); Semester & Year _____________
- PSYC 787 Advanced Social Psychology and Health (Social Psychology); Semester & Year________

**Grant Writing in Psychology (3 credits)**
- PSYC 763 Grant Writing for Psychological Scientists; Semester & Year _____________

**College Teaching (3 credits)**
- COMM 702 Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Science
- Or STEM 810 Teaching College Science; Semester & Year _____________

**Electives (4+ credits)**
Complete a minimum of 4 credits of didactic electives at the graduate level (600, 700, or 800 level). These credits may come from Psychology or another department.
- Elective 1: ____________________________; Semester & Year _____________
- Elective 2: ____________________________; Semester & Year _____________

3. **Teaching of Psychology.** All students will teach a full semester course in psychology for which they should enroll for 5 credits in Psyc 794 - Teaching Practicum
   Semester taught ______________
4. **Submit a grant or fellowship application.** All students will prepare and submit a grant or fellowship application. Enroll in 1-3 credits of PSYC 893 (Grant Writing Experience) and submit a confirmation of your submission to the graduate program coordinator. Semester & Year completed____________

5. Participate in a continued program of **research apprenticeship** with at least one faculty member and, accordingly, enroll in **PSYC 793** each semester for 1-5 credits.

6. Participate and fulfill the requirements for the **Graduate Seminar** (PSYC 790) each semester for 1 credit. This is the Psychology Department’s Colloquium Series.

7. Recruit an **Advisory Committee**, Meet with Advisory Committee Regarding Plan of Study Coursework, and general directions for a topic/area of research

   (Suggested April of 1st Year after completing MS; conducted _____________________)

8. Prepare a **Plan of Study**, Receive Signed Approval of it from Committee members and Department Chair, and deposit Plan of Study with Graduate College

   (Suggested April of 1st Year after completing MS)

   Date Deposited with Graduate College ______________

9. Complete a **major area paper** to serve as the comprehensive exam for Ph.D. candidacy.

   Meet with Advisory Committee members regarding general directions for a topic and area of review (Suggested April of 1st Year after completing MS __________)

   Write an acceptable major area paper (suggested oral defense date, October of 2nd year after completing MS __________) Date of Oral Defense ______________

10. Write an acceptable **Dissertation Proposal**

    Date of Proposal Meeting ______________

    Date of Dissertation Committee Approval ______________

11. **Dissertation Credits**, enroll in PSYC 799 each semester while pursuing dissertation research (not fewer than 6 credits and no more than 15? credits total).

12. **Presentation of Dissertation** Research. A full presentation of each student’s dissertation research to the faculty is expected, generally as part of the colloquium series.

    Date of Presentation ____________________________

13. Submit an acceptable **Dissertation** and successfully defend it

    Date of Oral Defense ______________

    Date of Approval by Dissertation Committee ______________

    Date of Final Copy Approval by Graduate College ______________

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14. Complete at least **90 hours of graduate credit** including those completed for the master's degree. *These credits must be earned with an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.* Of this total of 90 credits, at least 60 credits must be earned at NDSU.