Psychology Department Ph.D Requirement Checklist for Health/Social Track

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

2. Complete **Quantitative and Research Methods** Courses
   - Experimental Methodology (Psyc 640); Semester Taken _________________________
   - Applied Research Methods (Psyc 761); Semester Taken _________________________
   - Advanced Research Methods and Analysis (Psyc 762); Semester Taken __________

3. Complete Four Courses in the **Core of Health & Social Psychology**
   - Social/Health Psychology Research -771 Semester Taken _________________
   - Advanced Social Psychology and Health - 787; Semester Taken _________________
   - Judgment & Decision Making - 733, Semester Taken _________________________
   - Emotions - 782 Semester Taken _________________________

4. Complete Two **Doctoral Breadth** Courses in area outside the Health/Social Track (e.g., Psyc 731 Fundamental Processes in Cognition, Psyc 732 Applied Cognitive Processes, or courses outside the department approved by the advisory committee).
   - Course ___________________________________ Semester Taken _________________
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5. **Teaching of Psychology.** Students will complete a graduate course in teaching strategies (i.e., Hum 702; Psyc 791 – The Teaching of Academic Psychology). ________________
   
   Also, 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 _____________

6. Completing the requirements for #s 2, 3, 4, and 5 above fulfill the requirement of 30 credits in approved didactic courses.

7. 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.

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

10. 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 ______________

11. 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 ______________

12. Write an acceptable **Dissertation Proposal**
    Date of Proposal Meeting ______________
    Date of Dissertation Committee Approval ______________

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

14. **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 ______________

15. 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 ______________

16. 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.