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RESEARCH CREDITS

30 Credits

Following completion of coursework and the qualifying exam, students must complete 30 credits of PhD Dissertation Research (IMGD 699). List semesters and number of credits for IMGD 699 here.

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DEGREE MILESTONE 1: PAPER REQUIREMENT

Deadline: end of fourth semester in PhD

The student should show evidence of having contributed to publishable work (e.g. primary authorship on a conference paper or journal article).

Date Completed: _____

Signatures: _____ (advisor)

_____ (graduate coordinator)

DEGREE MILESTONE 2: QUALIFYING EXAM

Deadline: end of fifth semester in PhD; recommend beginning a semester prior

The qualifying exam has four components: a) the literature review; b) response to committee questions; c) an oral presentation; d) syllabus for a graduate special topics course. All fields below should be signed and dated by the advisor with the exception of fields marked for committee members.

COMMITTEE FORMATION

The qualifying exam is administered by a committee of three IMGD-affiliated faculty, including the advisor. At least two members of this committee must hold a PhD. This committee must be established by the beginning of the semester you enroll in qualifying exam credit (IMGD 799).

_____ Advisor

_____ Committee Member

_____ Committee Member

LITERATURE REVIEW

The student sends an initial draft of the literature list to their faculty committee, who modify and approve the final list. The final list should be attached to this plan of study.

_____ Date initial list is sent to committee

_____ Date that list is approved

COMMITTEE QUESTIONING

The committee poses three questions to the student that are answerable within two weeks of receipt. At least one question must be analytical in nature, requiring an essay that draws upon the literature list. At least one question must be a prompt for making an artifact appropriate to the candidate's area of study. Attach list of questions to this plan of study.

_____ Date questions are sent to student

_____ Date student returns responses to committee

ORAL PRESENTATION

The student completes a 45 minute oral presentation that teaches an audience of IMGD students about the core area of study.

_____ Presentation date

SYLLABUS DESIGN

The student completes a syllabus for a graduate-level special topics course that teaches about the core area of study.

_____ Date syllabus submitted to committee

COMMITTEE APPROVAL

_____ Advisor Signature

_____ Committee Member Signature

_____ Committee Member Signature

DEGREE MILESTONE 3: ADVANCEMENT TO PHD CANDIDACY

The student assembles their dissertation committee, completes their PhD dissertation proposal, and gives an oral presentation and examination. This should be completed by the beginning of their eighth semester in the PhD. At least two members of the dissertation committee must hold a PhD. One member must be external to IMGD.

_____ Advisor Signature

_____ Committee Member Signature

_____ Committee Member Signature

_____ External Committee Member Signature

DEGREE MILESTONE 4: DISSERTATION DEFENSE

The student writes their dissertation and completes an oral defense.

_____ Advisor Signature

_____ Committee Member Signature

_____ Committee Member Signature

External Committee Member Signature