CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDIES IN GEOSCIENCE
(complete information is in Guidelines for Graduate Studies in Geoscience dated 1/30/10)

• General Requirements
  o Graduate College Home Page (http://www.grad.uiowa.edu)
  o Be familiar with the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Graduate College
  o Be familiar with the Guidelines for Graduate Study in Geoscience
  o Consult the University Calendar for pertinent deadlines dates such as those for degree applications, examinations, and thesis deposit.

• M.S. Degree
  o 30 semester hours (s.h.) counting no more than 8 research hours.
  o Enrollment in 12:201 until thesis defense & 12:207 during 1st year
  o Minimum 3.0 GPA
  o Approval of Advisor, Committee, Plan of Study, and Thesis Proposal by end of 2nd semester
    o Internal Geoscience requirement: committee signs off on Plan of Study
    o DEO-approved non-doctoral plan of study form to the Graduate College
  o An approximately half-hour public presentation of thesis and defense (final examination)
    o Request for Final Examination form to the Graduate College in advance
    o DEO-approved non-doctoral final examination form to the Graduate College
  o Complete thesis distributed 10 working days before defense
  o Research presentation
  o Thesis submission approximately two years after joining the Geoscience Master’s program

• Ph.D. Degree
  o 72 s.h.; at least two semesters in residence beyond the first 24 s.h. graduate work
  o Enrollment in 12:201 for 2 semesters past the Comprehensive Exam or thesis defense & 12:207 during 1st year
  o At least 18 s.h. of regular course work after being admitted to the Ph.D. program that is taught by tenured or tenure-track faculty members of the Department of Geoscience (not including directed study and research credit)
  o Minimum 3.0 GPA
  o Approval of Advisor, Committee, and Plan of Study by end of 2nd semester
    o Internal Geoscience requirement: committee signs off on Plan of Study
    o DEO-approved doctoral plan of study form to the Graduate College
  o Approval of Thesis Proposal by end of 3rd Semester
  o Satisfactory written and oral Comprehensive Examination by end of 4th semester
    o Request for Comprehensive Examination form to the Graduate College in advance
    o DEO-approved doctoral comprehensive examination form to the Graduate College (the Plan of Study form needs to be submitted before or at the same time as this document)
  o Complete dissertation distributed 2 weeks prior to defense
  o An approximately one-hour public presentation and Dissertation Defense (final examination)
    o Request for Final Examination form to the Graduate College in advance
    o DEO-approved doctoral final examination form to the Graduate College
  o Dissertation and manuscript submission approximately four years after joining the Geoscience Ph.D. program