

CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDIES IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

(complete information is in *Guidelines for Graduate Studies in Earth and Environmental Sciences* dated August, 2016)

• General Requirements

- Graduate College Home Page (<http://www.grad.uiowa.edu>)
- Be familiar with the **Graduate College Manual of Rules and Regulations**
- Be familiar with the **Guidelines for Graduate Study in Earth and Environmental Sciences**
- Consult the **University Calendar** for pertinent deadlines dates such as those for degree applications, examinations, and thesis deposit.

• M.S. Degree

- 30 semester hours (s.h.) counting no more than 8 research hours.
- Enrollment EES:5010 until thesis defense & EES:5070 during 1st semester
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Approval of **Advisor and Committee** by mid-term of 2nd semester
- **Outline of Work**, and **Thesis Proposal** by end of 2nd semester
 - Internal Geoscience requirement: committee signs off on Course Plan
- DEO-approved **Non-Doctoral Plan of Study form** to the Graduate College
- An approximately half-hour public presentation of thesis and defense (final examination)
 - **Request for Final Examination form** to the Graduate College two weeks in advance
 - Committee and DEO-approved **Non-Doctoral Final Examination form** to the Graduate College
- Complete thesis distributed two weeks before Research Presentation and Defense
- Thesis submission approximately two years after joining the Geoscience Master's program

• Ph.D. Degree

- 72 s.h.; at least two semesters in residence beyond the first 24 s.h. graduate work
- Enrollment in EES:5010 for 2 semesters past the Comprehensive Exam or thesis defense & EES:5070 during 1st semester
- 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)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Approval of **Advisor and Committee** by end of 2nd semester
 - Internal EES requirement: committee signs off on Course Plan
- Approval of **Outline of Work** and **Thesis Proposal** by end of 3rd Semester
- Satisfactory written and oral **Comprehensive Examination** by end of 4th semester
 - **Request for Comprehensive Examination and Doctoral Plan of Study forms** to the Graduate College two weeks in advance
 - Committee- and DEO-approved **Doctoral Comprehensive Examination form** to the Graduate College
- Complete dissertation distributed 2 weeks prior to defense
- An approximately one-hour public presentation and **Dissertation Defense** (final examination)
 - **Request for Final Examination form** to the Graduate College in advance
 - Committee- and DEO-approved **Doctoral Final Examination form** to the Graduate College
- Dissertation and manuscript submission approximately four years after joining the Geoscience Ph.D. program