PhD Program Checklist

Student Name: Date updated:

There are 6 categories of requirements:

(1) Logic; (2) Credits; (3) Distribution; (4) Seminars; (5) Minor Field; (6) Foreign Language (if required)

**(1) Logic**: fulfilled Choose an item. date: Click or tap to enter a date.

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waived by Choose an item. date Click or tap to enter a date.

**(2) Credits**: A minimum of 45 credits, not including 999s. A minimum of 33 of these must be graduate seminars

Credits waived: ­­­­­­­­­­Choose an item. Reason: Choose an item.

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| **Course** | **Seminar** | **Semester** | **Title/Topic** | **Prof.** | **Grade** | **Credits** |
| 800 |  |  | Proseminar |  |  |  |
| 801 |  |  | Teaching Philosophy |  |  |  |
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* *PHL 800 can count toward a Distribution Requirement*
* *Only courses with a grade of 3.0 or higher count toward the PhD degree.*

**(2.1) Interdisciplinary credits**: “Non-PHL courses/seminars (exception: up to 6 non-PHL credits can be counted toward the 45 credits as long as they are relevant to the dissertation work or part of the interdisciplinary minor)”

Students who intend to take more than 6 credits outside of the philosophy department should be asked to go beyond the 45 required PhD credits. However, in rare cases the student’s guidance committee chair, in consultation with the Associate Chair, can grant an exception to the requirement if the course work done outside of the philosophy department and the student’s research area grant such an exception. Syllabi and other supporting documents should be consulted. Graduate certificates, specializations, etc. that students pursue cannot be the sole basis for granting an exception.

**Interdisciplinary credit exception granted**: Choose an item. date: Click or tap to enter a date.

**(3)** **Distribution** (6 credits from above list required in each category; they can be either 4xx or 8xx)

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|  | #credits  waived | Courses/Seminar #s | credits |
| **HISTORY** Individuals, eras, problems (some 20th c. course contents may count as “History”) |  |  |  |
| **M&E** Metaphysics and Epistemology, Phil of Mind |  |  |  |
| **LPS** Logic, Phil of Science, Phil of Language, Phil of  Mathematics |  |  |  |
| **VT** Value Theory. Ethics, Ethical Theory, Social & Political Philosophy, Aesthetics |  |  |  |

(**4)** **Seminar Requirement**

▪ the seminars that fulfill the 33-credit requirement must be distributed according to the grid below

Job descriptions in “PhilJobs” typically specify an “Area of Specialization” [AOS] and one or more “Areas of Competence” [AOCs]. You find examples of these listings online at <https://philjobs.org> and take a look at examples of the AOSs and AOCs.

The term “**dissertation field**” in the Seminar Requirement should be thought of as close to what you will end up claiming as your AOS when you apply for faculty positions. The most descriptively adequate term for the areas your dissertation is in might not be one of our four “areas” given in the distribution requirements; typically, AOSs are more narrow or specific than that.

The term “**minor field**” in the Seminar Requirement, and in the Minor Field Requirement, would likely approximate the first thing you list as an AOC in your job applications. The appropriate term for this AOC or Minor Field would in most cases be more specific than our “four distribution areas” terms.

Student’s dissertation field (approx. future AOS):

Student’s minor field (approx. future 1st AOC):

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|  | # title/topic professor |
| Seminar 1 (in dissertation field) |  |
| Seminar 2 (in minor field) |  |
| Seminar 3 (in an area other than diss. or minor field) |  |
| Seminar 4 (in an area other than diss. or minor field) |  |

**(5)**  **Minor Field Requirement**. 9 credits completed by the end of the 6th semester. This can be **EITHER** a Philosophy Minor Field **OR** an interdisciplinary Minor Field.

*Philosophy Minor Field* ***OR*** *Interdisciplinary Minor Field*

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| Course/Seminar 1: | PHL Course/Seminar: |
| Course/Seminar 2: | \* Other course 1: |
| Course/Seminar 3: | \* Other course 2: |
| *(one of these is also listed above as Seminar 2 (in minor field) in the “Seminar Requirement”)* | \*These are courses or seminars in other departments. Seminars in other departments do not count in the above “Seminar Requirements” |

(6) **Foreign Language Requirement:** If your committee requires it, this must be completed before finishing the required course work, usually by the end of the 6th semester.

Language: no yes Completed when? How?

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