

**RURAL SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:  
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)  
2001-2002**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Course Requirements: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>University</b>
Entry requirements (see Additional Information below)					
Msc. or MA degree completed (copy of thesis should be submitted to RS department)					
<b>Core Courses</b>					
RS 335: Social Change and Trends, <i>or</i> RS 406: Sociology of Globalization					
RS/Soc 376: Advanced Social Statistics (a basic statistics course is a pre-requisite for this course)					
RS 430: Research Methodology					
Soc 405: Theories of Society, <i>or</i> Soc. 438: Sem. in Soc. Thought <i>or</i> survey course in Sociology including Marx, Durkheim, 20th C sociologists					
Soc 431: Seminar in Multivariate Techniques <i>or</i> equivalent					
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Soc 432: Seminar in Qualitative Methods in Sociology <i>or</i> equivalent					

RS 437: Synthesis of Theory and Method in Sociology					
One advanced course in Sociological Theory (see below) *					
<b>Primary Area of Emphasis (9 Hours of Course Credit--see options below)</b>					
<b>Secondary Area of Emphasis (6 Hours of Course Credit--see options below)</b>					
<b>Qualifying Examination</b>					
<b>Comprehensive Examination</b>					
Written					
Oral					

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY:

- Entry Requirements:** Although it is desirable that entering students have a strong background in sociology, students of high merit who do not have such a background are encouraged to apply. Such applicants may be required to take such graduate-level work as is necessary to remedy deficiencies in their background.
- Students who have completed an MSc/MA degree must submit a copy of their thesis to the department. Under special circumstances, students with a BS/BA degree may pursue the Ph.D. program without obtaining a master's degree. In those cases, the student must prepare and submit a research article to a professional journal, or prepare a thesis, in lieu of the MSc/MA degree. See the Graduate Student Handbook for additional information. Students with an Msc/MA without thesis must also do this. This requirement must be fulfilled **before** the qualifying exam is taken.
- A Qualifying Examination must be taken by all Ph.D. Candidates. The See Graduate Student Handbook for additional information regarding this exam.
- Transfer Credit:** Graduate credit hours may be transferred from another institution and applied towards the degree with committee and Graduate School approval.
- Course Requirements:** A student must complete a minimum of 72 credit hours beyond the Bachelors degree, including 30 credit hours of coursework beyond the masters. Furthermore, a minimum of 60 of these hours of coursework be completed *exclusive of* hours completed in readings, problems and research courses. Coursework taken towards a Masters degree in the social sciences may count towards these requirements. [Is there any requirement for number of hours above 400?]
- Comprehensive Exam:** Both written and oral comprehensive exams are required for completion of the degree. See Graduate Student Handbook for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (cont.):

**Committee:** The student is required to form a committee consisting of at least **5** members:

- 1) The Chair of the committee must be a faculty member from the Rural Sociology Department.
- 2) The second, third and fourth committee members must be Rural Sociology or Sociology faculty members. (Note: Rural Sociology or Sociology faculty members from other institutions may be considered for committee membership as second, third or fourth committee members on approval of the Chair and the graduate school).
- 3) The fifth (“outside”) committee member must be an MU faculty member who **is not** a rural sociologist or sociologist.

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**\* Options for Advanced Sociological Theory Course:**

Soc 439: Seminar in Sociological Theory II

Soc 440: Topical Seminar in Contemporary Sociology Theory

(If neither of these courses are available in a timely way within the student's overall program, Soc 438: Seminar in Sociological Theory I, may be substituted with committee approval.)

**Community As Primary Area of Emphasis:**

- 1) RS 446: Community Social Structure
- 2) RS447:Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Rural Sociology  
*or*  
RS 480: Quantitative Applications in Community Research
- 3) One additional course from the following:  
  
RS 341: Building Communities from the Grassroots  
RS 425: Communication and the Diffusion of Information  
RS 447: Seminar on Contemporary Issues in Rural Sociology  
RS 480: Quantitative Applications in Community Research

**Community As Secondary Area of Emphasis:** Any two courses listed for the Community as Primary Area of Emphasis.

**Sociology of Agriculture & Natural Resources Emphasis as Primary Area of Emphasis:**

- 1) RS 310: Sociology of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
*or*  
RS 370: Environment and Society
- 2) RS 443: Seminar in Environmental Sociology  
*or*  
RS 444: Seminar on the Organization of Agriculture
- 3) One additional course from the following:

RS 310: Sociology of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
RS 370: Environment and Society  
RS 406: Sociology of Globalization  
RS 443: Seminar in Environmental Sociology  
RS 444: Seminar on the Organization of Agriculture  
RS 445: Seminar on Issues in the Sociology of Agriculture & Natural Resources

**Sociology of Agriculture & Natural Resources As Secondary Area of Emphasis:**

Any two courses listed for the Sociology of Agriculture & Natural Resources as Primary Area of Emphasis.