NRESS PH.D. DEGREE PROGRAM  Student Checklist

**Committees:** guidance committee and dissertation committee (can be same):
1. must include at least 5 members, all holding a Doctorate degree;
2. the chair (advisor) must be NRESS faculty;
3. 3 members, including chair, must be NRESS faculty;
4. must be interdisciplinary, originating from more than one department;
5. and off-campus members must hold a Doctorate degree and be approved by the student's advisor, the NRESS Program, and the Graduate School Dean.

- Guidance Committee Form (within one year for full-time, two years for part-time)
- Doctoral Committee Form (with candidacy form if different from Guidance Committee)

**Courses required to be taken while in the PhD program** *(cannot be independent study)*
- Preliminary Course Approval Form (within one year for full-time, two years for part-time students)
  - Natural Sciences (≥3 credits)
  - Ethics/Policy/Law (≥3 credits)
  - Methods (≥3 credits) required for September 2009 enrollees and beyond
  - NRES 997 Interdisciplinary Research, required for September 2013 enrollees and beyond
  - Seminar (interactive and ≥1 credit)
- Final Course Approval Form (signed by all members of the committee when coursework is complete, must turn in with or before candidacy form, within four years.)

- Language proficiency
  - up to the committee

**Student enrolling without Master’s Degree**
- minimum of 36 credit hours required
  - credit transfer with approvals
    - 12 from UNH or 8 from other institution
    - must not be taken while in another program

**Advancement to candidacy** after successfully completing:
- all coursework required by the guidance committee
- **comprehensive exam** (written and oral)
  1. ≥5 questions (1 question per committee member)
  2. 3 weeks duration
  3. begin within 3 years of entry (or 4 years if entering without M.S.)
- **proposal exam** (written, oral public presentation, and oral committee exam)

AND advisor notifying NRESS Program Coordinator, by e-mail or letter, of
- completion of **comprehensive exam** on [ ]
- completion of **proposal exam** on [ ]
- Candidacy Form to NRESS Program Coordinator

- Student files **Intent to Graduate Form** with Graduate School, notifies NRESS of intent

**Final Dissertation Exam**
1. written Ph.D. dissertation
2. **public presentation**
3. oral exam (by dissertation committee)
- Advisor notifies NRESS Program Coordinator of completion of **final exam** [ ]