Ph.D. Checklist (Fall 2008)

Name ________________________________

Retention: 3.0 GPA, with 3 hours below B permitted. 4-9 hours below B must be replaced by an equal number of hours of A or B in addition to maintaining 3.0 GPA. INC must be removed by the end of next term in residence (exceptions petition to GSC). 6+ hours INC prohibits registration for more course work until INC is reduced to 3 hours or fewer.

Timeline

Program of Study Proposal signed by committee to Graduate Studies Committee for approval no later than the seventh semester of the Ph.D. program

Residency: 1) 24 hours of course work before Preliminary Examinations within four calendar years or 2) 24 hours of ENGL 600.

Preliminary Examination: for fellowship students, no later than three years after matriculation; for teaching assistants, no later than four years after matriculation.

Course of Study

______ Pro-Seminar in first year of study
______ Two graduate courses in literary theory or rhetorical theory or cultural studies
______ Any advisory committee requirements
______ At least one 500-level course at SIU in first minor
______ At least one 500-level course at SIU in second minor

Students should determine their three areas of specialization as soon as possible and seek the advise of potential committee while taking courses.

Major Area _____________________________ (Committee members: _________________________)

First Minor _____________________________ (Committee member: _________________________)

Second Minor ___________________________ (Committee member: _________________________)

Research Tool Requirement

One of the following:

______ Command of one language demonstrated by examination in the Foreign Language Department. (International students may specify their native language as long as they demonstrate fluency in English as well.)

FL 488 (or its equivalent) with at least two more courses at the 300- or 400-level.

______ Score of 500+ on WebCape proficiency exam (online).

______ Reading knowledge of one foreign language demonstrated by a minimum three years course work (or its equivalent) at the college level in one language with a no grade lower than a “B.”