Part 1: Requirements

**Course Credit**: Minimum of 65 hours of graduate course work, exclusive of the dissertation, with a grade point average of 3.0 or above. At least one-half of the course work toward the doctorate must be in courses numbered 600 or above.

**Dissertation**: Minimum of 18 hours of dissertation research. \*899’s cannot be taken until candidacy is established.

**Research**  Students will have met the research proficiency by completing all core courses with a B (3.0) or better.

**Proficiency**:

**Candidacy**: A student cannot and does not become a candidate for a doctoral degree until such time as he/she has been formally admitted to candidacy. To become a candidate you must obtain research proficiency as well as successfully pass preliminary examinations both written and orals. Therefore, admission to candidacy requires the approval of the student’s doctoral committee, chairperson of the student’s academic department, the dean of the college where the student is enrolled, and the dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

**Residency**: Complete a minimum of 30 hours of doctoral program work at Indiana State University with a grade point average of 3.0 or above. A student working toward a doctoral degree must spend two consecutive semesters in residence on the Terre Haute campus in which full-time is devoted to the degree objective. During each of these semesters the student must complete a minimum of nine hours of graduate credit. Dissertation hours do not count toward the residency requirement.

**Time** **Limits**: The doctor of philosophy degree must be completed within a total of nine years after admission to the program and within six years after admission to candidacy for the degree.

Part 2: Dissertation Defenses

**Proposal**: After admission to candidacy, and under the direction of the dissertation committee, the student prepares and submits a dissertation proposal for approval by the student’s committee, the appropriate academic dean, and the dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. \*1 week notice must be given to the department as well as the dissertation committee prior to defense.

**Defense**: The oral dissertation defense may be set at any date convenient to the committee and the student, providing the University is officially open, **but must be at least seven weeks prior to the date the degree will be conferred.** The time and place of the examination, together with the names of the student, the doctoral committee, and chairperson or dissertation director, and the title of the dissertation must be submitted to the College of Graduate and Professional Studies at least one week prior to the defense.  The College of Graduate and Professional Studies will post notification to the campus community. The final defense must be at least one semester after the dissertation proposal defense.

Part 3: Student Information ***Type or print information***

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| **Number of Credit hours at the 500 Level:** | **Number of credit hours at the 600 and above level:** |
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Part 4: Course Information ***Type or print information***

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| Core Requirements – 9-12 hrs + 3-6 hrs Department electives | Establishing Credit |
| Course Title | **Subject** | **Course #** | **Credit Hrs** | **Grade** | **Substitution** | **Semester** |
| Research Design | **ENVI** | **611** | **3** |  |  |  |
| Advanced Spatial Analysis and Quant Meth | **ENVI** | **645** | **3** |  |  |  |
| Seminar in Earth & Environmental Systems | **ENVI** | **733** | **3** |  |  |  |
| Field Techniques or – non-course field experiences approved by committee | **ENVI** | **610** |  |  |  |  |
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| Cognate Courses Outside Department – 6 hrs Minimum | Establishing Credit |
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| Concentration Hours – 9 hrs Minimum at 600 level or above  | Establishing Credit |
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| Dissertation Research – 18 Hrs | Establishing Credit |
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| Transfer Credits from Master’s degree – 30 Hrs Minimum | Total Hours |
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Part 5: Committee Members

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| Dissertation Committee Members – 5 members minimum |
| Chair:      | **Member:** | **Member:** |
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Part 6: Signatures

***STUDENT Signature* Date:**

***ADVISOR Signature* Date:**

***DEAN of CGPS Signature*  Date:**

Part 4: Course Information ***Continuation if needed***

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