History of Science Department Doctoral Degree Requirements Worksheet

Name: __________________________ Date: __________________________
Advisor/area(s) of interest: __________________________ Entered program (year): __________

SEMINARS

1. HISTSCI 303a Historiography of the History of Science

2. HISTSCI 303b Research Methods in the History of Science

Six graduate-level seminars (200-level courses in DHS or courses marked “primarily for graduate students” in other departments). Of these, four must be DHS seminars, and one must fulfill the pre-1800/post-1800 requirement (indicate with a check).

Note: History of Science courses include those taught in other departments by members of DHS faculty, courses cross-listed by DHS, and graduate courses in Science, Technology and Society offered by MIT (no more than three courses may be taken at MIT).

Semester/Year

3. ____________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________

One seminar (at the 200/2000-level) outside the department:
7. ____________________________________________

One additional seminar (at the 200/2000-level)
8. ____________________________________________

ELECTIVES

Note: a maximum of five courses may be graduate-level reading courses in the History of Science or in other divisions, departments or committees. (List school, if other than FAS/course #/department/title/instructor)

9. ____________________________________________
10. ____________________________________________
11. ____________________________________________
12. ____________________________________________
13. ____________________________________________
14. ____________________________________________
15. ____________________________________________
16. ____________________________________________

RESEARCH PAPERS

Two 9,000 – 12,000 word papers; A- minimum grade for each. First paper due June 1 of G1; second paper due April 1 of G2.

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LANGUAGE

Proficiency demonstrated by: __________________________
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**GENERALS**

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**PROSPECTUS**

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DATE APPROVED by DHS Faculty: ____________

**TEACHING**

DHS Course#: ____________  Semester/Year: ____________  Instructor: ____________

Indicate Department for non-DHS courses taught:

Dept: ________  Course: ____________  Semester/Year: ____________  Instructor: ____________

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ALL Non-Dissertation Requirements Met

__________________________  ________________________
Director of Graduate Studies Signature  Date

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1 Copy to student; original to file. Documentation of teaching in advanced graduate student years may be added by graduate coordinator after initial DGS sign off.
History of Science Doctoral Degree Requirements

Sixteen four-unit courses or the equivalent, including:

A. Historiography of the History of Science
B. Research Methods in the History of Science
C. Six additional graduate seminars, of which:
   1. Four must be offered by DHS
   2. One must fulfill the pre-1800/post-1800 requirement (*Students writing dissertations on post-1800 topics must take a pre-1800 course, and vice-versa*)
   3. One must be outside the department
D. Eight electives, of which up to five may be graduate level reading courses in DHS or other divisions, departments, or committees.

Note: History of science courses include:
1. Courses taught in other departments by members of the history of science department.
2. Courses cross-listed under history of science in the online course catalogue
3. Graduate-level courses offered by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the Science, Technology and Society Program.
   Note: A maximum of three courses may be taken at MIT.

Two research papers:
Each of 9,000-12,000 words, exclusive of notes and bibliography; each must earn a grade of at least A-.

The first paper to be submitted by June 1 of the G1 year (ordinarily to be written in the context of the Research Methods course); the second by April 1 of the G2 year (to be written in a graduate seminar, either departmental or external).

Students’ advisors are to read and discuss at least one of the papers with the student.

Residence and progress:
Students must be in residence for minimum of two years of full-time study. While in residence, students are expected to attend the weekly department seminar, regularly scheduled for Thursdays, noon-1:30.

Eight courses must be completed with grades of B or higher by the end of the first year of study. All course and research paper requirements must be fulfilled before sitting for the General Exam (usually scheduled for May of the second year of study). The language requirement may be met post-generals, with the advisor’s approval.

G1 and G2 students will meet with the DGS and, where applicable, their advisor, at the start of each semester to review progress and approve plans of study.

Each May, departmental faculty review students’ progress, assessing their qualifications for continuing graduate study in light of departmental and GSAS requirements.

No later than the beginning of the 4th semester of study, students must submit a form to the DGS listing the three fields they are preparing for the General Exam.

Limited transfer credit:
The department does not ordinarily accept transfer credit. Students who complete the DHS Master’s program or who have completed DHS graduate seminars as Special Students may apply up to eight courses toward PhD course requirements.

Introductory and intermediate language courses taken in the Summer School, while encouraged, cannot be counted toward the sixteen required PhD courses.