DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

General policies for all University of Oklahoma doctoral programs are available in the Graduate College Bulletin.

DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

MAJOR: History of Science, Technology and Medicine

Program effective Summer 2011

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

Completion of an approved course of post-baccalaureate study comprising at least 48 hours of graduate coursework, not counting hours for dissertation research. Usually, more than 48 hours of formal coursework are necessary. The Ph.D. degree calls for a total of 90 approved credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree, or 60 hours beyond the master’s degree, including dissertation hours.

Doctoral students usually will be expected to fulfill the following minimum course requirements (not counting dissertation hours) before completion of the General Examination:

- Approved course of study consisting of 30 credit hours for the master’s degree, or its equivalent...........30 hours
- Additional hours specified by the student’s committee ........................................................................18 hours
- **Total** ............................................................................................................................................48 hours

Dissertation Research

- HSCI 6980  Research for Doctoral Dissertation.................................................................................2+ hours
- **TOTAL** ..........................................................................................................................................90 hours

NOTES

Outside courses: Students are strongly encouraged to take one or more courses outside the department, especially (but not solely) to fulfill the requirements of the outside field. These courses normally, though not necessarily, will be in the history department.

Language requirements: Students admitted to the doctoral program are assumed to have satisfied the course distribution and language requirement for the master’s. If not, additional coursework or language study may be required. The doctoral degree requires demonstrated competence in a second approved foreign language (beyond the language requirement for the master’s). There are no additional course distribution requirements at the Ph.D. level other than in preparation for field requirements, described below.

Doctoral field requirements: Students must satisfy the requirements for four distinct fields. Three of these fields will be examined and will be closely related to the student’s doctoral research. The fourth field may be satisfied without an examination and will differ from the student’s specialization enough to ensure a breadth of competence sufficient to teach survey courses and to participate as an active and informed member of the history of science community.

1. The **doctoral field**, designed by the student and his/her committee chair, supports his/her dissertation research.
2. The **second field** is typically (but not necessarily) supervised by a member of the student’s committee other than the committee chair.
3. The **outside field** is typically (but not necessarily) supervised by a faculty member outside of the department, presumably a member of the student’s committee. This field is intended to support the student’s research interests by providing a different perspective on or a different context for the student’s research topic.
4. The **complementary field** may be satisfied by means other than a written examination, as determined by the student’s committee.