M.A. Program Checklist (effective Spring 2008 and later)

Student Name: ___________________________________

Date of Graduation Recommendation: __________

Credit Hours: 30 _____

Courses: PS8000 Research Design _____
         PS8001 Political Statistics I _____

Cores (3 out of four):
         PS 8101 Core Seminar in American Politics _____
         PS8201 Core Seminar in Comparative Politics _____
         PS8301 Core Seminar in International Relations _____
         PS8401 Core Seminar in Political Theory _____

Five Electives: Two elective courses in each of two main fields; one in a minor third field or PS8002 Qualitative Methods in Political Science or PS8003 Political Statistics II. Students receive credits for a third minor field by taking the core and one elective in that field.

1. ____________________________________   _____
2. ____________________________________   _____
3. ____________________________________   _____
4. ____________________________________   _____
5. ____________________________________   _____

For terminal MAs: Research Design Paper completed as part of their coursework for PS 8000
Ph.D. Program Checklist (effective Fall 2013 and later)

Student Name: ________________________________

Date of Graduation Recommendation: __________

Credit Hours: 46 _____

Methods Courses:
- PS8000 Research Design _____
- PS8001 Political Statistics I _____
- PS8003 Political Statistics II _____
- PS8002 Qualitative Methods _____

Cores:
- PS8401 Core Seminar in Political Theory _____

Choose Two from the Remaining:
- PS8101 Core Seminar in American Politics _____
- PS8201 Core Seminar in Comparative Politics _____
- PS8301 Core Seminar in International Relations _____

Six Electives: Three courses from your first field; two courses from your second; and a free elective (e.g., advanced methods or another substantive course). Note, students may not take more than two independent study courses without permission from the graduate chair.

1. ____________________________________   _____
2. ____________________________________   _____
3. ____________________________________   _____
4. ____________________________________   _____
5. ____________________________________   _____
6. ____________________________________   _____

Teaching Methods:
- PS8601 _____
- PS9994 Preliminary Exam Preparation (1) _____

Passed Preliminary Exams in Field 1 ____ and Field 2 ____

- PS9998 Dissertation Proposal Preparation (3) _____
  This course is required and offered by the graduate chair every spring. Students receive a grade of “NR” until they pass their prospectus. At that point the course grade is changed to a “P”
PS9999 Dissertation Preparation Submission (2) _____
You must register for this course to maintain your status as
an active graduate student.

**Dissertation:**

**Dissertation Prospectus:** Outline of the dissertation including: the
question(s) to be investigated; the major theoretical argument; an
explanation of the significance of the research within the particular
field of inquiry; a literature review; a discussion of the research
methodology to be employed; expected findings (where
appropriate); a work plan; and a chapter outline.

**Dissertation Prospectus and oral defense:** Date passed _____
**Dissertation:** Full execution of the above.
**Dissertation Defense:** Oral defense before the dissertation committee and an outside reader.