

PLAN OF STUDY 54 UNITS & C GRADE WAIVER FORM

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT:

The 54 Unit and C Grade Policies are listed below. If your faculty advisor agrees to the 45 total course unit exemption on your Doctoral Plan of Study, or agrees to a C graded course on your Master's/Doctoral Plan of Study, you must obtain your advisor's signature below and submit this form to the Academic Office.

Graduate Credits Required:

The number of units of graduate credit required for the PhD is not specified explicitly; the requirement is for the equivalent of six semesters of full-time study. A minimum of 18 units of dissertation and 54 units of coursework is generally required. However, with the approval of the student's faculty advisor, this number may be reduced to as low as 45 units of coursework.

NOTE: The 45 units of coursework exception may be appropriate for a minority of students whose field of research requires less advanced courses and greater time for research. 45 course units is NOT the default requirement and Plans of Study with fewer than 54 units must be approved by the student's faculty advisor on this form.

C Grading Exception:

With the approval of the faculty advisor, a student may list a course grade of C on the Plan of Study toward degree completion. However, the student and the faculty advisor should carefully consider the value of retaking a course in the event of a C grade. Grades of C in certain courses may be included in the Plan of Study with the approval of the student's faculty advisor on a very limited basis. Students achieving less than a 3.0 GPA will be placed on probation by the Graduate College.

COMPLETE SECTION BELOW

Student Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

I approve the C grade for the following course to be listed on the Plan of Study toward degree completion requirements.

OPTI

Professor Signature

Date

I approve the minimum course unit exemption of the following units toward completion of the Doctoral Plan of Study.

UNITS

Professor Signature

Date

