**Department of Communication and Film**

**PhD Plan of Study Template**

**(Revised March 2024)**

**Student’s Name:**

**Date:**

(Note that each time your committee meets, you should present them with an updated plan, and document such updates. Please remember to change the date with each revision)

**Advisory Committee**

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| Committee Member | Signature | Date |
| [INSERT ADVISOR NAME] |  |  |
| [INSERT MEMBER NAME] |  |  |
| [INSERT MEMBER NAME] |  |  |
| [OUTSIDE MEMBER (Optional)] |  |  |

List your Major Advisor, along with the two other COMM faculty on your committee. If you have a member of your committee from outside of Communication Studies, you may list them as well.

**Research Agenda**

About 500 words that explain the central purpose and topics of your research, as well as the methods and theories that will inform your work. This section will be updated as your research agenda changes and evolves.

**Research Questions**

Two questions that arise from for your “Research Agenda” and that will guide your course selection. These will also change with your research agenda

**Exam Areas**

Here you list four areas that your exams will cover. If exam areas change when you get closer to the exams, please update this accordingly.

“Contemporary Horticultural Theory

Oak Tree History

Pedagogy of Plants and Fungi

Theories of Plant Affect”

**Teaching and Research Assistantship Work**

If you are a graduate assistant, document the courses you plan to teach or have taught already, as well as any research assistantship work you have completed. Please estimate the total number of TA/RA hours worked while in the program.

**Coursework**

List all the courses you plan to take to complete your degree. List all the courses you plan to take to complete your degree. Please include any approved transfer classes (and institutions).

**Please clearly indicate the completion of required courses in communication and six hours of methods classes you intend to take or have taken already. You can find more information here: https://www.memphis.edu/communication/graduate/config/corerequirementsincommunication/**

Once you finish a course, update your plan to include the grade you received. We understand that this is a projection and that the courses will change. That’s okay. But when they do, please update the plan of study accordingly.

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| COMM 9000 | Dissertation | #hrs | Grade | Semester-Year |

**Total hours earned for your Master’s degree:** (MUST BE AT LEAST 30)

**Total hours of University of Memphis 7/8000 level coursework:** (MUST BE AT LEAST 36)

**Total Hours Dissertation:** (MUST AT LEAST 6, AND ONLY 6 CAN COUNT TOWARDS THE GRAND TOTAL )

**Grand Total Hours:** (MUST AT LEAST 72)

Graduate Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_