Summary of PhD Degree Requirements for the Crop, Soil and Pest Management Program Area

To satisfy the course requirements for a doctoral degree, a student must complete:

- A minimum of 72 credit hours from courses numbered 7000-9000 (this includes dissertation research credit hours - i.e. Plnt S 9090).
- 15 credit hours (towards the 72 hour requirement) must be from courses numbered at the 8000 or 9000 level, exclusive of dissertation research, problems or independent study.

The core requirements for the PhD degree in the Crop, Soil and Pest Management program are:

- **Plnt S 8010** Professionalism and Ethics (2 credits)
- **Plnt S 9087** Participation in the student seminar series (2 credits - Must enroll twice; only 1 credit counts towards the 15 credit hour requirement of 8000/9000 level courses)
- **Plnt S 7087** (3 credits - Must enroll 3 times)
- **Plnt S 9090** Dissertation Research (1 - 10 credits per semester)

The Crop, Soil and Pest Management program area emphasizes a customized approach towards the course of study. Each student will work with their advisor and graduate committee to develop a course of study best suited to the student's educational and career goals.

During the Fall and Winter semesters, PhD students who have not completed their comprehensive exam must enroll for 9 credits to be considered a full time student.

Teaching Requirement: Students must complete an approved teaching opportunity or an approved extension program. As an alternative, this requirement can be fulfilled by one additional seminar presentation in Plnt S. 9087.

For a more detailed explanation of degree requirements, see the Graduate Student Handbook.