

## **Master of Arts in Gerontology Graduate Student Checklist**

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you met with the Master of Arts in gerontology program coordinator to plan your graduate program? (You may apply a maximum of 10 semester hours of courses numbered 4750 to 4999 toward the gerontology master's degree.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you identified and asked three or more appropriate faculty members, including the gerontology program coordinator, to serve on your graduate committee? At least one member should be from one of the other gerontology areas.

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you meet with the gerontology program coordinator (and committee, if needed) to complete your study plan?

\_\_\_\_\_ Did you obtain appropriate approval prior to registering for any independent study, thesis or internship? Were approval signatures included? Remember, signatures are required from (a) the chair of the academic unit in which you propose to take this independent study and (b) the gerontology program coordinator if the independent study causes conflict with any core classes or program requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you applied for graduation at the Office of the Registrar and paid the graduation fee at the Business Office?

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you made arrangements with the gerontology program coordinator no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the semester in which you plan to graduate to take the comprehensive examination? Students completing a thesis do not take a written comprehensive exam.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you made arrangements with the gerontology program coordinator to take the comprehensive examination? You must do this on no later than the 10th day of the semester in which you plan to graduate. For this exam, you will be presented with a number of questions. Of those questions, you must answer four in detail and in a scholarly manner. Wherever possible, use references from professional sources.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you arranged and scheduled a time with your committee for your oral examination? Schedule the oral exam approximately two weeks after the written exam. During this exam, expect to discuss, in depth, information in your area of emphasis and/or related fields along with your professional goals and objectives.