



PhD Dissertation Committee Membership Approval Form

Requirements for the composition of PhD dissertation committees, per current UW-Madison Graduate School Policy:

- I. The chair or one of the co-chairs of the committee must be graduate faculty* from the student's program.
- II. The committee must have at least four members. The committee must have members from at least two University of Wisconsin—Madison graduate programs.
- III. Three of the committee members must be UW—Madison graduate faculty or former UW—Madison graduate faculty up to one year after resignation or retirement.
- IV. At least three committee members must be designated as readers.
- V. The fourth member and any additional members may be from any of the following categories, as approved by the program executive committee (or its equivalent): graduate faculty, faculty from a department without a graduate program, academic staff (including emeritus faculty), visiting faculty, faculty from other institutions, scientists, research associates, and other individuals deemed qualified by the executive committee (or its equivalent).
- VI. All committee members have voting rights. To receive a doctoral degree, students cannot receive more than one dissenting vote from their committee on the final degree warrant.

* Graduate Faculty: The UW—Madison [Faculty Policies and Procedures 3.05](#) contains the policies and exceptions regarding the graduate faculty status.

Completed form is due a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the dissertation proposal defense. Committee chair brings to EC for approval. Return approved and signed form to the Graduate Student Services Coordinator (Mariah Allen).

Student Name: _____

Dissertation Proposal Title: _____

Proposal Abstract (not to exceed 2 pages; reference list not required)

Background

Purpose / Aims

Methods Discussion

(Impact)

Proposed Committee Membership

Name, title	Department	Relevant expertise	Signature
Chair:			

EC Approval _____

Chair Signature

Date

Approved by GPC 12/8/2016

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Approved by DC 2/2017

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