



## 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.*

**In addition to the Minimum Graduate School requirements for the dissertation committees outlined above, the School of Nursing has additional expectations for committee membership:**

- I. **At least two members will be from the School of Nursing faculty; at least one must be prepared as a nurse and hold a research doctorate.**
- II. In general, all committee members will serve as readers. However, in line with UW-Madison Graduate School Policy and Procedures of Graduate Advisor Committees, the chair may designate one of the four members of the committee as a non-reader.

**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 Advising Manager (Lynaye Stone).

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dissertation Proposal Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposal Abstract** (not to exceed 1 page)

- Background
- Purpose / Aims
- Methods Discussion
- (Impact)

**Proposed Committee Membership**

Name, title	Department	Relevant expertise	Signature
Chair:			

EC Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair Signature

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Date

Approved by GPC 12/8/2016  
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