

COURSE REQUIREMENTS EXEMPTIONS

MILESTONE EXAMINATIONS

A Ph.D. student's ability to proceed with the program is verified through two milestone examinations: the **Research Competency Exam ("Comps")** in the Winter quarter of year 2 and the **Oral Qualifying Exam ("Quals")** after 6 quarters in residency. Students who fail a milestone exam may have a second (and last) attempt the following quarter.

RESEARCH COMPETENCY EXAM

Research paper completed Oral Research Exam Passed on: _____ / _____ / _____

ORAL QUALIFYING EXAM & ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY

A Ph.D. student is eligible to advance to candidacy after having completed all core coursework, passed the Qualifying Exam, and nominated a Doctoral Committee.

Oral Qualifying Exam passed on: _____ / _____ / _____

Ph.D. Committee: Chair: _____

Member: _____

Member: _____

Optional Member: _____

DISSERTATION

The final requirement for the Ph.D. program is to complete and defend a dissertation, which must be original work that demonstrates the ability to contribute significant, independent, and original research. The Ph.D. Committee will guide the candidate in this work and judge the merit of the completed dissertation. The written dissertation must be approved by all members of the Ph.D. Committee. When the dissertation is completed to the satisfaction of the Ph.D. Committee, then the candidate must deliver a public oral defense. Possible outcomes are: (1) Pass, (2) Conditional Pass, or (3) Fail.

Ph.D. Defense held on: _____ / _____ / _____ Outcome: _____

Ph.D. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED: _____
Quarter/Year

DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____

_____ Print Name