



Proposal Examination Form

On _____ (date), graduate student _____ (full name) presented a PhD/Masters (select one) dissertation proposal entitled _____, with the intended semester of completion _____.

Advisor: I, _____ (full name), certify that the candidate has shown the potential for doing research in Physics and agree to supervise this thesis project.

(signature)

The members of the student’s Proposal Examination Committee, having read the student’s proposal and examined the student during the Oral Proposal Examination, all agree to the conclusions stated on the reverse.

Examination Committee (consisting of at least 3 members from the Department of Physics):

	Name (affiliation if not Physics)	Signature
Chair:	_____	_____
Reader:	_____	_____
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Examination Committee's Decision

____ **The proposal is rejected.**

____ **The student passes, and we recommend advancement to candidacy 2. The proposal sufficiently explores the context/background of research conducted in Physics, its timeliness, feasibility and plan:**

- (1) Clear identification of a problem that can be examined via original research that can be conducted in the time frame of the chosen degree program (where, what?)
- (2) Analysis of the relevant previous literature that provides a backdrop for conducting the investigation (what so far?)
- (3) Clear explanation of why the chosen problem is significant/relevant/important (why?)
- (4) Methods that are to be employed to successfully conduct the research (how?)
- (5) A timeline showing the major steps towards completion of the research (when?)

The committee raises the following issues to the attention of the student and advisor:

(e.g. conditional pass, concerns, areas to study in more detail, necessary revisions, if/how to update the committee; reasons for rejection)

This form for departmental use only.

Action Physics Graduate Advisor: file, submit to CCAS: Advancement to Candidacy, Masters Graduation Forms (for PhD, if desired).

Original: Physics Graduate Advisor for records; copies (one each): student, advisor, each committee member

