**Committee Approval for Preliminary Oral Exam or Ph.D. Defense**

**Check one: Preliminary Oral \_\_\_ Ph.D. Defense \_\_\_**

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**Committee (indicate Theory or Experiment)**

**Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Must be present

**Research Field/Group:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Chair**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Must be present

**Committee members:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Must be present

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**Preliminary Oral Exam:** At least half of the Committee and the Chair of that committee must be full-time faculty. There should be at least one experimentalist, at least one theorist, and at least one department member from a research field other than that of the thesis topic. The external member may also serve as the required theorist or experimentalist. The thesis supervisor is an ex officio member of the committee, and cannot serve as the chairperson.

**For Ph.D. Exams:** Similar rules apply, except an outside member is also required. The outside member cannot have a regular or adjunct appointment in the Department, or be a collaborator or co-author. You must submit a biographical sketch for the “outside” member – you may ask for a CV, or find it on the web.

For **Ph.D. exams** this form should be submitted before the 15th day of classes of the semester when you want to graduate, or at least 4 weeks before the scheduled Ph.D. exam date, whichever is sooner. Also, a defense

announcement (info and format – see Graduate School webpage) must be sent to Prof. Dawber (pdf) at

least 4 weeks before your planned defense.

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**