Appendix A4
Graduate Program in Environmental Science
Ph.D. Dissertation Proposal Approval Form

Approval of Proposals

Students are required to prepare a Ph.D. Dissertation Proposal. This proposal must be formally approved by the student's Major Professor and Steering Committee using this form (below) for signatures with a copy of the proposal attached.

Although progress in developing a proposal may vary from student to student, students are normally required to produce an approved proposal before registering for more than 3 credits of ENS 999 Dissertation Research.

Content of Proposals

Proposals will vary in content according to the nature of the planned research. In general, these should be succinct statements of research plans, normally about 10 pages in length, describing the planned work as follows:

1. Tentative title.
2. Research objective or hypothesis.
4. Key data or information sources.
5. Method of analysis.
6. Expected results.
7. Timetable for research, writing, and defense examination.
8. Brief bibliography.

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PROPOSAL APPROVAL

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Dissertation Title: _________________________________________________________

Approved:
Major Professor __________________________________ Date _________________
Committee Member ___________________________________ Date _________________
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A copy of the approved proposal should be affixed to this form, and copies of this document with attached proposal should be provided to each of the above signers, and to the Graduate Program in Environmental Science (GPES) Office, 134 Baker Laboratory. At least two committee members are required.