

**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.
3. Background. A brief statement summarizing pertinent literature.
4. Key data or information sources.
5. Method of analysis.
6. Expected results.
7. Timetable for research, writing, and defense examination.
8. Brief bibliography.



**PROPOSAL APPROVAL**

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

Dissertation Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved:**

Major Professor	_____	Date	_____
Committee Member	_____	Date	_____
Committee Member	_____	Date	_____
Committee Member	_____	Date	_____

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.