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Planetary and Space Sciences PhD Candidacy Exam Form

Written Component Date:

Oral Component Date:

This form is completed when a student is working on the oral component of their Candidacy Exam. Students must have completed all core courses prior to taking the Candidacy Exam. The written component is a journal-level original research paper that has either been accepted for publication or submitted for publication. The student must be the first author of the paper. Both the written and oral Candidacy examinations are deemed to take place at the time of the oral examination. Refer to the graduate handbook for additional information, as needed. The oral examination is in two parts: (1) A public presentation (approximately 45 minutes long) of the research contained in the paper, including the traditional question and answer period (approximately 10-15 minutes long) of a scientific presentation; and (2) private questioning on the detail of the presented research as well as the topics covered in the student's preparation and coursework. The written and oral components will be administered by the student's Supervisory Committee. A student must give the written examination paper to the Supervisory Committee 14 calendar days before the scheduled oral examination. Committee members are expected to read it and give a preliminary indication to the Committee Chair as to its acceptability four days thereafter. By the start of the eighth day before the examination, the official version of the paper is due, and the Committee must decide whether to allow the oral examination to proceed. If the examination does not proceed, either due to the decision of the Supervisory Committee or that of the student, the student is deemed not to have taken either part of the examination. If the exam proceeds, the student must then post notices of the presentation through the Departmental Program Assistant, following departmental procedures. Written results including comments on the paper are due within three days of the examination. Once the form has been completed, it must be submitted directly to the Program Assistant for submission and records. If the Candidacy Exam Form is not submitted to the Graduate Program Director within one week of the exam, then the assumption will be that the result is 'Fail without option for Master's degree' until the form is properly filed. Refer to the academic calendar for final candidacy deadlines, as needed.

Student's Name: UCFID: E-Mail: [@ucf.edu](mailto:ucf.edu)

Candidacy Exam Committee Members

Committee Chair Name: Signature:

Member 2 Name: Signature:

Member 3 Name: Signature:

Member 4 Name: Signature:

Member 5 Name: Signature:

Exam Outcome

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| ☐ Pass | ☐ Pass conditioned on revisions or additional coursework | ☐ Fail with option for MS Degree |
| ☐ Retake | ☐ Retake after additional coursework | ☐ Fail without option for MS Degree |

Committee comments:

Student's signature: _____

Planetary and Space Sciences Program Director's signature: _____

Graduate Program Assistant Use Only:

☐ Updated Checklist (Initials & Date): _____