



# School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs

## Dissertation Proposal Completion Form

- The proposal (also referred to as a "prospectus") defense is expected to take place in the first semester a student is enrolled in dissertation hours.
- Students will present the dissertation proposal in a seminar open to the university community.
  - Fall or Spring Proposal Defense: The defense date should be set no later than the first week of the semester in which the defense will take place.
  - Summer Proposal Defense: The defense date must be set no later than the last day of classes of the preceeding spring semester.
- A prospectus defense announcement will be created by the student and sent to their Chair for review and approval.
- The Announcement must include the following:
  - Date, time, and location (or online link) for the defense
  - Proposal/Dissertation title
  - Brief Abstract (200-300 words)
  - Committee member names and their current roles on the committee
- The approved announcement should be sent to the program assistant for distribution at least three weeks in advance of the defense. Note: Students who do not defend their proposal by the end of the first semester they are enrolled in dissertation hours (by the end of fall semester if they enter dissertation hours in summer) are not making satisfactory academic progress.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UCFID/PID: \_\_\_\_\_

Cohort year (i.e., starting year): \_\_\_\_\_ First Semester of Dissertation/Candidacy: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dissertation Committee Members

### Signature

Chair/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Member 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Did the student defend their proposal by the end of their first semester of dissertation hours as outlined in the current handbook? \_\_\_\_\_

### Evaluation

Written:

Pass

Fail

Oral:

Pass

Fail

### Committee Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Student should submit form to Graduate Program Assistant after all signatures have been acquired.*