



University of Central Florida
Department of Political Science
 Pre-dissertation Advisory Committee and Oral
 Qualifying Examination Form

- **This form must be submitted by the first Friday in April** of the student’s first year in the Security Studies program.
- **Select the three members of your Pre-dissertation Advisory Committee**, which consists of a minimum of three members who are approved members of the Graduate Faculty or Graduate Faculty Scholars (see <http://www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu/>). At least two members must be Graduate Faculty, one of whom must serve as the chair of the committee.
- **Submit a completed research paper to your Pre-dissertation Committee Members at least two weeks prior to the date of your qualifying exam.** This paper may be one already submitted for 7000-level seminar, appropriately revised. The examining committee uses the paper, in part, to assess the student’s potential for conducting independent research.
- **It is your responsibility to schedule the time and place of your oral qualifying examination**, in consultation with the examining committee, to be held no later than the end of May. During the qualifying exam, committee members may ask specific questions regarding the student’s submitted paper, and general theoretical and methodological questions related with courses the student completed in the first year of the program. The committee will also determine the tasks the student must perform before taking the Written Candidacy Exams and starting the dissertation.

Student name: _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Pre-dissertation Committee Members:

Member 1 (chair) signature: _____ Date _____

Printed Name: _____

Member 2 signature: _____ Date _____

Printed Name: _____

Member 2 signature: _____ Date _____

Printed Name: _____

Date of Oral Qualifying Exam : _____

APPOINTMENT BY DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE PROGRAM: Δ Approved Δ Denied

Signature of Graduate Program Director: _____ Date _____