

**I.U. Philosophy Departmental
Report on a Qualifying Oral Examination**

To the student: Please fill out Part I below and give the form to the Chair of your Committee.

Part I

Name: _____ Date of Oral Exam _____

Title of the Essay: _____

Name of the Qualifying Committee Chair _____

Names of the Other Committee Members _____

Part II. Committee's Report

Please check one box below:

- The student passes the Qualifying Exam and may immediately submit the Prospectus to the Graduate School.
- The student passes the Qualifying Exam and should submit the Prospectus to the Graduate School after the Dissertation Chapter Exam.
- The student fails the Qualifying Exam

Comments _____

Chair, Qualifying Exam Committee

Minor Representative, if any

- *Signed form to Graduate Program Coordinator*
- *Copy to Student*
- *Scanned copy to electronic file*

Rules Concerning Qualifying Exam

The Qualifying Exam consists of an essay (about 15 pages long), together with an oral, on a topic that the student plans to pursue further in the dissertation. The Exam will test whether the student is ready to write a dissertation on the chosen topic.

The Qualifying Exam is normally taken after the student has completed all the course work for the PhD. Once the student has passed the Qualifying Exam and has satisfied the course requirements, he or she will be nominated to candidacy. (For information on candidacy, see the section titled, "Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy" in the *University Graduate School Bulletin*.)

Notes:

- a. The Qualifying Exam will be administered by an *ad hoc* committee, consisting of at least three members that will later evolve into the student's dissertation committee. A representative of the Minor may be included on the exam, if the Chair of the committee finds it desirable. Note that the University requires that a member representing the student's minor must belong to the *dissertation* committee.
- b. The essay written for the Qualifying Exam will contain indication of the further work that the student wishes to pursue in the dissertation.
- c. If the Qualifying Exam committee passes the student, then it may issue questions that the student is to address in the Dissertation Chapter Exam (see below.) And it may recommend immediate submission of the Prospectus to the Graduate School. If it does not recommend immediate submission, then the Prospectus will be submitted after the student passes the Dissertation Chapter Exam.
- d. The Qualifying Exam should be taken by the end of the three and one-half years of graduate study.

Instruction for the Student

1. Please fill out Part I of this form and give it to the Chair of your committee.
2. If you have completed all course requirements, go to:
<https://one.iu.edu/task/iub/nomination-to-candidacy-for-phd>
Fill out the online form.
3. Once you have assembled your research committee, go to:
<https://one.iu.edu/task/iub/nomination-to-candidacy-for-phd>
Fill out the online form.