University of Maryland at College Park

Department of Entomology

QUALIFYING EXAMINATION
FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE

Directions to student:

1. Fill out the left side of this form, then have your advisor and the Graduate Director sign at the bottom left corner.

2. At the completion of the examination, the committee members should sign and register their vote.

3. The completed form should be given to the Graduate Director. The original will be placed in the student's file with copies to the student and the advisor

Details concerning departmental requirements for the qualifying examination are on the back of this form.

BEFORE EXAMINATION	AT COMPLETION OF EXAMINATION
Student's name _____	Date of exam _____
Expected exam date _____	
Title of dissertation proposal _____	
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Recommended committee (print)	Signatures Vote
1._____ Advisor	_____ Yes No
2. _____	_____ Yes No
3._____	_____ Yes No
4._____	_____ Yes No
5. _____	_____ Yes No
6. _____	_____ Yes No
_____ Signature of Advisor	
_____ Signature of Graduate Director	A vote of yes indicates that the student has the necessary preliminary training and has demonstrated ability for the successful pursuit of the Ph.D. degree in the Department of Entomology

Ph.D. QUALIFYING EXAMINATION
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GRADUATE GUIDELINES

This examination is a departmental requirement of all students enrolled in the Ph.D. program. It is administered orally by the Study Committee with the student's Faculty Advisor as the Chair. However, the examination is open to all faculty and all attending faculty may question students, but only the Study Committee will vote. Two or more negative votes constitute a failure. The student has two chances to qualify. Under special circumstances, if requested by the student, the study committee can elect to administer a written examination.

The qualifying examination must be taken within 6 semesters of matriculation in the Ph.D. program and at least one academic year before the date on which the degree is conferred. The department strongly urges students to take the examination during their 4th or 5th semester after completion of most course work. Failure to successfully take the examination within the time limit results in special review by the Graduate Affairs Committee.

The student must complete the Admission to Candidacy Form and obtain required signatures prior to the examination date. Also, the student must provide each member of the Study Committee with a copy of the dissertation research proposal ten days prior to the examination. To ensure that all committee members understand the purpose of the qualifying exam in advance, the student must have this form signed by his or her Faculty Advisor and attached to the proposal submitted to each committee member.

PURPOSE

The qualifying examination is not intended to focus so!ely on the dissertation area but: 1) tests intensely the depth of the student's knowledge in his or her areas of expertise; 2) examines the student's ability to think, synthesize, and integrate information from the disciplines of entomology and biology in general, and 3) evaluates the student's ability to produce a defendable proposal and actually do the proposed research. Major flaws in the proposed research found at the time of the qualifying examination may also constitute failure. In addition, the Graduate School guidelines state that the Ph.D. is granted only upon sufficient evidence of high attainment in scholarship and the ability to engage in independent research. It is not awarded for the completion of course and seminar requirements no matter how successfully completed.

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Faculty Advisor Date