

DES Graduate Program Qualifying Examination Form

Student: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: At the conclusion of the examination, the committee members will vote by ballot to have the student either: Pass; or (b) Fail.

Simple majority vote rules. In the event of a tie, the outcome is failure. In all cases, recommendations may be made to remove deficiencies in background by coursework or reading. The examination should not exceed two hours.

The Graduate Committee is asked to evaluate the performance of the student in the following categories:

a) Did the student demonstrate the ability to pose and write about a tractable research problem?

_____ Yes with no qualifications.

_____ No.

_____ Yes but needs some improvement.

b) Was the student's oral presentation of the research problem clear and professional?

_____ Yes with no qualifications.

_____ No.

_____ Yes but needs some improvement.

c) Did the student demonstrate the ability to reason through complex questions?

_____ Yes with no qualifications.

_____ No.

_____ Yes but needs some improvement.

d) Was the student's background knowledge level sufficient to support their proposition and did the student demonstrate a general level of knowledge in the discipline?

_____ Yes with no qualifications.

_____ No.

_____ Yes but needs some improvement.

If "yes but needs some improvement" or "no" was checked for any of the above categories, please list the remedial action that you feel is necessary.

We, the undersigned, declare that the student, _____, has

_____ Passed the Qualifying Examination.

_____ Failed the Qualifying Examination

Committee Signatures:
