

# Dissertation Proposal Form

*Please return to the Graduate Coordinator after successful proposal of your dissertation.*

Minimum Graduate School requirements for graduate committees are as follows:

1. The chair or co-chair of the committee must be Graduate Faculty from the student’s program. Committee members who have retired or resigned from the University automatically retain Graduate Faculty status for one year; after one year they are permitted to serve as co-chair or other non-Graduate Faculty committee member.

2. Doctoral committees must have at least 5 members representing more than one graduate program, 4 of whom must be UW-Madison graduate faculty or former UW-Madison graduate faculty up to one year after resignation or retirement. At least one of the 5 members must be from outside of the student’s major program or major field (often from the minor field).

3. 3 committee members must be from Psychology.

4. The required 5th member of a doctoral committee/final oral examination committee, as well as any additional members, all retain voting rights. They may be from any of the following categories, as approved by the program executive committee (or its equivalent): graduate faculty, faculty from a department without a graduate program, academic staff (including emeritus faculty), visiting faculty, faculty from other institutions, scientists, research associates, and other individuals deemed qualified by the executive committee (or its equivalent).

*Please print the names of your committee, only the mentor’s signature is needed.*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of proposal meeting    /    /

1). Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

2). \_\_\_\_\_

3). \_\_\_\_\_

4). \_\_\_\_\_

5). \_\_\_\_\_

Optional 6<sup>th</sup> Member): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mentor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_