Doctoral Final Examination Report Form

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The landing page below should give students all the information they need to initiate the process.

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Information & Deadlines

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Signatures Required

Signatures must be obtained in a multi-part process explained and initiated below. The Graduate School and your graduate program must approve your committee, and the form will be sent to your committee members upon completion of your exam. All members must sign the form.

Submission & Routing Information

At least two weeks before your defense or exam, complete the landing page with your name, program, and the names and colorado.edu e-mail addresses of the committee chair and the other committee members. Click “submit.”

On the form, add the date of your examination/defense and student ID number. Read and acknowledge the information on the form and select “finish” to route the form through the following process:

1. The form will be sent to the Graduate School for review of your committee.
2. Following Graduate School committee approval, the form will be routed to your program for review in advance of the exam.
3. After the exam/defense has been conducted, work with your graduate program assistant to route the form to your committee members.
4. Committee members will receive the form simultaneously and all members must sign the form.
5. When all members have signed and the form is complete, you will receive a pdf version of the form with signatures via e-mail. The form will also be forwarded to your program, committee members, and to the Graduate School.
At the bottom of the landing page, the student should enter their information. The student will need to select the college where their program is housed, and in some cases a division.

Select the college where your unit is housed: *
College of Arts & Sciences

Please Select the A&S Division: *
Arts & Humanities

Student Information:

Student ID (9 Digits) *
123456789

First Name *
Ralphie

Last Name *
Buffalo

Colorado.edu e-mail *
Ralphie.Buffalo@colorado.edu

Next, enter the name, Colorado.edu e-mail address and departmental affiliation of each committee member. For a doctoral final exam, a minimum of five members must be listed. Doctoral committees must have an outside member, an individual with a regular Graduate Faculty Appointment in a different unit or a special appointment specifically to serve as outside member. This member should be listed in the fifth position as outside member. If a member from another institution or industry is serving as a committee member, the student may include the external e-mail address and enter N/A for department affiliation.
Click submit to be directed to the form. The student will first be directed to a list of programs, based upon the college and division selected. This will help to route the form. If the student discovers that they selected the incorrect college, they can return and select again. Remember that some programs are listed as “interdisciplinary”.

Committee Chair Information:

Name (First & Last) *  
Chip Mascot

Colorado.edu e-mail (if applicable) *  
chip.mascot@colorado.edu

CU Department Affiliation (if applicable)  
Education

Member Two:

Name (First & Last) *  
Buff Fan

Colorado.edu e-mail (if applicable) *  
buff.fan@colorado.edu

CU Department Affiliation (if applicable)  
English

Outside Member:

Name (First and Last)  
Outside Member

Colorado.edu e-mail  
outside.member@colorado.edu

CU Department Affiliation (if applicable)  
English
The student will be directed to the form, and basic information will populate from the landing page (name, program, and committee information). Students must confirm the last 4 digits of the student ID number, select the date of exam from a calendar, and select the type of doctoral examination from the drop-down options.

The form will list the chair and outside member separately, allowing for ease in ensuring those committee members meet program and Graduate School standards.
The student should scroll to the bottom of the form to read and initial important information.

Student Name: Ralphie Buffalo

Student initials: initial

The committee listed has been established with my graduate program/department to meet Graduate School and program requirements. The doctoral final examination report form will be sent to the Graduate School for committee approval, and then to my graduate program/department. I will work with my Graduate Program Assistant as needed to establish a timeline for completion of the exam. When the exam is complete and the program approves the committee, the form will be sent to all members of the committee for their signature and will be complete once all members have signed. Full-time registration (five dissertation hours or the corresponding coursework requirement for DMA or AUDD students) is required during the semester in which the defense or exam is passed.
Upon completion the student should click finish. The form will first be routed to the Graduate School to review and approve the committee to ensure that committee standards are met. Once the committee has been approved, the Graduate School will sign.

Upon GS approval of committee, the form will be routed to the graduate program selected on the landing page. The program will see the following message, which explains how and when to review and sign the student’s form.

The student named above has submitted a doctoral final exam form and the Graduate School has approved the committee. Please review the committee: if the committee is not acceptable, decline the form and advise the student of the need to re-submit the form with new committee. If the committee meets graduate program/department standards, hold the form in your docuSign account until the defense or exam is complete. At that time, sign the "program confirmation of committee and exam" line to route the form to committee members for their signature. The form will be sent to all committee members simultaneously and you will receive an e-mail with a completed copy of the form once all have signed.

The program has the option to decline the form if the committee or date is unacceptable. If the committee and date of the exam meets the requirements and expectations of the program, hold the form until the student has completed the exam (or is about to do so).

At that time, click the signature line to confirm the committee and that the exam has taken place as of the date on the form.
When the graduate program confirms the examination details, the form will be distributed to all committee members simultaneously. Each member will receive an e-mail with the following instructions:

Graduate School sent you a document to review and sign.

**REVIEW DOCUMENTS**

Graduate School
gs@Colorado.EDU

PRIVATE MESSAGE
Following the doctoral dissertation defense or final examination of the above named student, please use the docusign process to click either the “satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory” field and the signature field. The exam report form has been sent to all committee members simultaneously and will be complete when all members have signed. Your timely response is requested to ensure the student can meet all applicable graduation deadlines.

Each member must select “satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory” and click the signature icon to sign the form.

Chair Name Chip Mascot  
Satisfactory  Unsatisfactory  Signature  
Signed by: Chip Mascot  
11/24/2020
The final document with all five committee signatures and satisfactory or unsatisfactory assessment will be sent to the Graduate School for review and to ensure that the student is registered for credit hours as required.

The graduate program and committee members will receive a final copy of the completed form with this message:

Note that the student will receive an e-mail upon submission of the form and when completed. The message is the same on both occasions, but has information specific to each situation:
Graduate School sent you a copy.

Private Message:
Message 1: Your doctoral examination report form has been submitted and will be sent first to the Graduate School for approval of your committee. Upon approval of committee, the form will be routed to the Graduate Program Assistant in your unit. When your exam has been completed, please work with your GPA to confirm the committee/exam completion and route the form to your committee members.

Message 2: You will receive a second e-mail (with this same content) when all members have signed, along with the completed form. Your exam must be passed by the deadline posted on the Graduate School website, and the form received within about a week, to have the degree awarded in any given semester.

Student Information

Last Name: Buffalos
First Name: Ralph

Confirm Last Four Digits of Your Student ID: 47

Doctoral Degree Program: Music

Date of Examination: 05/21/2023
Exam Type: select

Committee Information:

Chair Name: Chip Massol
__ Satisfactory __ Unsatisfactory __ Signature ____________

Name: Buffalos
CU Dept. Affiliation (if applicable): Music
__ Satisfactory __ Unsatisfactory __ Signature ____________

Name: George Norin
CU Dept. Affiliation (if applicable): Music
__ Satisfactory __ Unsatisfactory __ Signature ____________

Name: Enno Fort
CU Dept. Affiliation (if applicable): Music
__ Satisfactory __ Unsatisfactory __ Signature ____________

Outside Member:
Name: Outside Member
CU Dept. Affiliation (if applicable): English
__ Satisfactory __ Unsatisfactory __ Signature ____________
Graduate School
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

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Graduate School Approval of Committee:

Signature _____________________________ Date Signed 5/28/2021

Program Confirmation of Committee/Exam:

Name Genevieve Borst

Signature _____________________________ Date Signed 5/28/2021
Student Name: Ralphie Buffalo

Student initials: [_____]

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Note that docusign requests cannot be sent back for additional information or changes. If the form needs to be altered for any reason, a signer may decline to sign. However, the student must then initiate a new request. Anyone who declines an exam form should e-mail the student separately, explaining the reasons, the additional information necessary, and that a new form must be initiated.