

DISSERTATION PROPOSAL APPROVAL FORM

To be signed at the Dissertation Proposal meeting. Include a one to two-page summary of the proposed research and applicable IRB approval. This form must be submitted before a defense announcement will be approved.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: _____ ID# _____
 Major(s): _____ Degree: _____
 Minor(s): _____ Proposal Date: _____

PROPOSED DISSERTATION TITLE

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD STATUS

Advisor must check one of the boxes below indicating whether the proposed study requires IRB approval:

- Yes** - The proposed study involves the use of human participants. Evidence of IRB approval must be submitted with this form.
- No** - The proposed study clearly does NOT involve the use of human participants (e.g., meta-analysis of publicly available research studies, computer/mathematical simulations, analysis of public records or policies)
- Unsure** - It is unclear whether this study requires IRB approval (e.g., analysis of archival data). In this case, consult IRB and get its approval when needed. Submit either IRB's confirmation that the study does not require IRB review, or evidence of IRB approval, whichever is applicable.

DISSERTATION PROPOSAL STATUS

- Pass:** The candidate may proceed or may proceed after making revisions specified by the committee.
- Deferred:** There were significant concerns about the proposal, and the committee will conduct a follow-up meeting to evaluate the proposal after substantial revisions are made. A new Dissertation Proposal Approval form shall be filed after the follow-up meeting.
- Fail:** The candidate does not meet expectations of the committee and shall be dismissed from the degree program. Options for alternative terminal degree should be reviewed with the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.

DISSERTATION RESEARCH COMMITTEE

	Typed Name	Signature	Date
Committee Chair	_____	_____	_____
Co-Chair (if applicable)	_____	_____	_____
Member	_____	_____	_____
Member	_____	_____	_____
Member	_____	_____	_____
Non-IU Member (if applicable)	_____	_____	_____
Department Chair	_____	_____	_____
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies	_____	_____	_____

ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ONLY. Please submit completed form to the major department along with a two-page summary of the proposed research and any applicable IRB documentation.