

APPROVAL OF GDE AREAS

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Application for Approval of General Doctoral Examination Areas: Cover Sheet and Instructions

Before beginning formal study for the General Doctoral Examination, a student must propose and justify three areas in which he or she will be examined. One should be designated as the major area, the examiner of which will be the chair of the student's Advisory Committee. Other committee members will examine the student in the two minor areas.

Student:

Chair of the Advisory Committee and major area:

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Advisory Committee members and minor areas:

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Description and justification of the proposed areas (attach to this cover sheet):

In 500 to 1000 words describe and justify the three areas selected. Indicate what pattern of coherence unites the areas, and include a reading list for each area. If the areas overlap, the reading lists should reflect the student's understanding that a more extensive knowledge of the material must be demonstrated than would otherwise be the case.

Reading lists should be designed to help the student develop a broad and deep knowledge of the discipline that underlies scholarship and professional achievement. Reading lists may be provided to the student by any of the examiners, compiled by the student and any of the examiners, or compiled by the student alone if any examiner so prefers.

Signatures:

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Date of final approval:.....