Area Paper Defense Form

Must be submitted to Program Coordinator by June 15th. [Please TYPE neatly.]

Your Name: ___________________________________________________________

Mentor’s Name/Title/Department: __________________________________________

Area Paper TITLE: ______________________________________________________

Date Defended: _________________________________________________________

Area Paper Committee Members

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Committee Evaluation

Circle One. (Criteria for evaluation are listed on Page 2.)

- Pass
- Conditional Pass
  - Deadline for meeting conditions: ____________________________
- Unsatisfactory
  - Re-examination; Deadline date: ____________________________
  - Terminal Master’s degree
  - Termination from program

Comments:

Student signature: ______________________________________________________

Mentor signature: ______________________________________________________

Program Director: _____________________________________________________

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Pass: no conditions are placed on the student.

Conditional pass: this is typically a written assignment to fulfill a shortcoming seen in the area paper. The time limit for completion will be set by the committee.

Unsatisfactory: if the examination results are unsatisfactory, there are three possible outcomes.

a. Re-examination. This should occur no later than a week after the initial defense, if possible. This outcome usually indicates that the written portion of the area paper was satisfactory but the oral defense failed to meet expectations.

b. Terminal master’s degree. The committee may decide after your examination that your performance was not of a sufficient quality to proceed to doctoral candidacy. This decision by the committee will result in awarding of the M.S. degree and immediate termination from the Program.

c. Termination for the program without the MS. The committee may decide that both the written area paper and the oral examination were of such poor quality that a master’s degree will not be awarded. This decision will result in immediate termination from the Program with no awarding of an M.S. degree.