

## Area Paper Defense Form

Must be submitted to Program Coordinator by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. [Please **TYPE** neatly.]

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mentor's Name/Title/Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area Paper TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Defended:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Area Paper Committee Members

Committee Role	Name, Department	Signature
Chairperson (Executive Committee Member)		
Committee Member		
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### Committee Evaluation

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

- Pass
- Conditional Pass
  - o Deadline for meeting conditions: \_\_\_\_\_
- Unsatisfactory
  - o Re-examination; Deadline date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Terminal Master's degree
  - o Termination from program

**Comments:**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.