

Interdisciplinary Thesis/Dissertation Approval Form

This form applies to the interdisciplinary components of the thesis/dissertation only.

Required Elements:

_____ The thesis/dissertation includes an interdisciplinary chapter (possibly co-authored) that specifically describes how methods and/or information from at least two distinct disciplines have been integrated in the argument(s) advanced by the thesis/dissertation, and all chapters are integrated into a coherent whole

_____ Self-evaluation of thesis/dissertation interdisciplinarity (below) submitted.

Evaluation (1 to 5 scale; attach student self-evaluation):

_____ Degree of Integration

Guiding Questions

- Are the integrated disciplines dissimilar?
- Does thesis/dissertation author draw from multiple disciplinary sources?
- Are the claims advanced associated with integrating questions?
- Does thesis/dissertation author use language that aids interdisciplinary insight?
- Does the project advance frontiers of knowledge in an area that could not be addressed within a single discipline?

_____ Creativity of Integration

Guiding Questions

- Does the integrative work involve collaboration in some form (e.g., co-authorship)?
- Does thesis/dissertation author apply a novel integrating approach?
- Does thesis/dissertation author demonstrate sensitivity to the specific characteristics of his/her problem in designing the integrating approach?

Student: _____

Major Professor: _____

Committee Member: _____

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