Request For Formation of the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination Committee

The Major Professor, working in consultation with the student, suggests the composition of the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination Committee, which is then nominated by the Educational Advisory Committee and approved by the Graduate Division. The purpose of this form is to assist the student and his/her Major Professor in requesting formation of the Qualifying Examination Committee.

The Qualifying Examination Committee consists of five members. At least three of the members, including the Chair, must be members of the Botany and Plant Sciences faculty or Cooperative Extension faculty. At least one member must be from outside the Department. The Major Professor shall not be a member of the Qualifying Examination Committee. The student must ask faculty members in advance if they would be willing to serve on the Qualifying Examination Committee or to serve as Chairman of the Committee.

The purpose of the qualifying examination is to verify knowledge in the student's major area and two minor areas of specialization. These areas should be selected at the time the course program is established. The Qualifying Examination Committee will be composed of individuals representing the major area and two minor areas of specialization.

To request formation of the Qualifying Examination Committee, list the specialization and two minor areas that you wish to have emphasized in the qualifying examination. For each area listed suggest a faculty member with expertise in the listed area. Suggest alternate faculty members for at least two of the listed areas. Note that a faculty member listed for a particular area is not restricted to asking questions only in the designated area.

Both the student and the Major Professor should sign the completed form and return it to the Bio Sci Graduate Student Affairs Office (1151 Batchelor Hall) for approval by the Educational Advisory Committee.

Student's Name_____________________________

Student's Program:  Ph.D. Plant Biology______ Ph.D. Plant Biology (Plant Genetics)_____

Major Area________________________________

Minor Area 1________________________________ Minor Area 2____________________________

Committee Members from Inside the Department:

Chairman of the Qualifying Exam Committee:

Faculty Member Name  Examination Area  Alternate Faculty Member

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Other Inside Members:

Faculty Member Name  Examination Area  Alternate Faculty Member

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Committee Member from Outside of the Department:

Faculty Member Name  Examination Area  Alternate Faculty Member

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Student Signature________________________ Major Professor Signature________________________