

**Doctorate  
Student Progress Form 1-0**

*Doctoral Qualifying Exam*

The qualifying examination is to determine whether a student with a bachelor's degree meets the academic standards of the Department for direct entry into the PhD program without completing an MS degree, and to evaluate the student's ability to conduct PhD-level research. *The qualifying examination is waived for students entering with an MS degree who wrote a thesis in the sciences.* The examining committee will consist of three members. The exam convenor cannot be the student's advisor. The other members should include the student's advisor and someone from the Graduate Studies Committee (see Dept. administrator for current list of names). The examination will consist of a written document and a 30 minute presentation to be followed by questions. Two alternative types of presentation will be allowed: (1) results of an original research project (which may be an expansion of the student's undergraduate honor's thesis or other undergraduate research), or (2) a proposal for an original research project. Either (1) or (2) may lead on to the topic of the dissertation, but need not do so. The final product to be judged by the qualifying examination committee will consist of either (1) a written description of the research methods, procedures, results, bibliography, etc. of approximately 10-12 pages, or (2) a written research proposal of similar length and style as student proposals for aid from the Geological Society of America (see <http://www.geosociety.org/>).

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: **EPS**

Student's I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Objective: **PhD**

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Field or Study Area:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date the Qualifying Exam was taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Option:  option 1  option 2

Committee's evaluation: Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Names</b>	<b>Signatures</b>
1. Convenor	_____	_____
2. Advisor	_____	_____
3. GSC Rep	_____	_____

Graduate Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_