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Comprehensive Examination Application and Depth Paper Proposal

Instructions: Please open using Adobe Reader, NOT Preview.

1. Student Name:

Email: _______

| Application for: Fall | or Spring | Term: | (Year) |
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2. Guidance committee chairperson:

Guidance committee members:

- 3. Term/year you began your Ph.D. program:
- 4. Have you completed the following prerequisites?
 - a. Approved doctoral program plan on file in GradPlan
 - b. Approximately 80% of your approved coursework completed
 - c. Research practicum completed. Date approved:
- 5. Area of Concentration:
- 6. Your comprehensive examination will consist of:
 Breadth Test Scored Pass or Fail
 Depth Paper Scored Pass, Fail or Revise
 Oral Exam Scored Pass or Fail

Depth Paper Proposal

- 1. Paper title:
- 2. Abstract (Paragraph description that includes the following information:)
 - a. Topic

b. Driving question motivating the paper

c. Areas of literature on which you are drawing. List 3-5 publications that are the starting point for your work.

d. Methods for finding, organizing, and analyzing information (information meaning *literature* for those writing a review paper, and meaning *data* for those doing an empirical study)

3. Justification and intended audience. (Explain how this paper demonstrates depth and note the communities to which you wish to speak.)

- 4. If the paper to be submitted is based on a previously written paper: a. Is the original paper from your practicum? Yes or No
 - b. Is the original paper from a course? Yes Course Number or No
 - c. Attach a copy of the paper from which your comps submission will be developed. Keep in mind that you cannot submit a revised version of your practicum paper, but you can develop a new paper building on something from the practicum. If the paper is not yet available (e.g., being written for a course that is in progress), please submit it when it is completed.
 - d. Explain the history of this paper, including the course or context in which it was originally written. Include an explanation of the feedback process for this paper, including the people from whom feedback will be (or has been) sought and the timeline for paper completion.

5. **Availability of Guidance Committee**: Obtain signatures of Guidance Committee members who will be available next semester to evaluate your Depth Paper (i.e., they will not be on sabbatical or other kind of leave next semester). See the PRIME program handbook for evaluation guidelines.

| Student: Submit this Application and Depth Paper D2L, along with the original paper on which your applicable. | |
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| (Student's signature) | (Date) |
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