

Department of Philosophy Thesis Advancement Committee Form

Summary of Candidacy Paper Regulations

The candidacy paper should manifest the sorts of skills and competencies relevant to the successful prosecution of doctoral research. It may be worked up from a paper written to fulfil the requirements of a graduate course. The paper will be of no more than 12,000 words in length, double-spaced, including notes but not including Bibliography. It will demonstrate the ability to respond to supervision and to revise work in the light of comments and suggestions made on preliminary and (if necessary) intermediate drafts of the paper. The paper is expected to be in the area in which the student proposes to write his or her thesis, and may be either a self-contained piece or a piece suitable to be integrated into the larger context of a dissertation.

The student is responsible for contacting members of the department with whom s/he wishes to work, and for constituting his/her Thesis Advancement Committee [TAC] by the end of the preceding January for students with a completion date in August, and by the end of the preceding May for students with a completion date in December. The DGS will advise the student on these matters if requested. The TAC will meet with the student at this time to establish what will be expected in terms of the quality of the work and additional research, and to ensure that the project is realistic given both the student's background and the departmental deadlines. At this meeting, the student and the members of his/her TAC will complete the Thesis Advancement Committee Form. Once the Thesis Advancement Committee Form is completed and signed by student and supervisors, a copy should be given to the DGS for his/her signature.

Students admitted at PhD I must complete the course-work requirements and submit the final draft of their candidacy papers to their TAC by 15th December in their third year in the programme (PhD III). Students admitted at PhD II must complete the course-work requirements and submit the final draft of their candidacy papers to their TAC by 15th August in their second year in the programme (PhD III). If a student fails to meet these deadlines, s/he will be asked to leave the programme. See the programme regulations for further details of appeals procedures..

Name/Dated Signature of Student: _____

Names/Signatures of Members of the TAC: _____

Topic of Candidacy Paper: _____

Date for submission of initial draft to TAC: _____

Date for comments from TAC on initial draft: _____

Date for submission of 1st revised draft to TAC: _____

Date for comments from TAC on first revised draft: _____

Date for submission of 2nd revised draft, if necessary (this must be at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting the completed candidacy paper): _____

Signature of GPD: _____ **Date:** _____