

Dissertation Approval Form

After the thesis draft has been amended with the suggestions of the student's advisor, the thesis should be submitted to the Graduate Office for transmittal to all thesis committee members. Their review may result in extensive modifications, so the thesis is due to the Graduate Office **no less than 10 weeks** before the desired date of the defense. Committee members must respond **within three weeks** with comments to the student and this form to the Graduate Office.

Once the student has incorporated the revisions, the new version of the thesis should be given to the Graduate Office for transmittal to committee members no less than **two weeks** before the oral defense. If the revisions are not satisfactory to any committee member(s), the defense will need to be cancelled and rescheduled. Depending upon the type of modifications requested by the committee members, and whether a committee meeting is necessary, the revision process may be fairly lengthy. Thus, ample time should be allowed before the deadlines for each degree period. The deadlines for each diploma period are published in [GSAS Policies](#) each year. All readers must have signed options 4 or 5 below before the defense can take place.

Student:

Thesis title:

Thesis Committee Members:

Please review the thesis and check the appropriate category below. **Send comments to the student and return this form to Allie Pagano at alexandra_pagano@harvard.edu within three weeks. There is also an online version of this form available [here](#).**

If a meeting of the thesis committee is required (options 1 or 2), it will be assumed that the student will **not** be included. Exceptions should be discussed with the advisor.

1. Not acceptable in current form and cannot be corrected without major revisions and consultation of committee.
2. Needs considerable revision, to be seen by me again.
Needs committee consultation: yes no
3. Is acceptable with a few minor revisions, to be seen by me again.
4. Is acceptable with voluntary minor revisions.
5. Is acceptable as is.

Signature

Printed Name

Date