



Department of Crop and Soil Science

Approval Form of Ph.D. Written Exam, Oral Exam, and Research Proposal

Name of Student: _____

Major Professor: _____

Committee Member: _____

A written research proposal is part of the Ph.D. preliminary examination in the CSS Department. The proposal format should conform to the established guidelines. The proposal must be approved by the PhD student’s Graduate committee prior to the oral examination (one dissenting vote is allowed). To evaluate the written proposal in a timely manner and to allow time for the student to respond to comments, the following schedule should be followed:

- a. Thesis topic approved by committee: _____ Date: _____
- b. Student submits proposal to the Graduate committee at least four weeks before the scheduled date of the exam. _____ Date: _____
- c. Committee members vote to approve the proposal. If the proposal is not approved by two or more members of the committee, the student has 14 days to submit a revised proposal. _____

Vote for the original proposal:	_____	Pass	_____	No Pass	
Vote for the revised proposal:	_____	Pass	_____	No Pass	
Vote for the Oral Exam	:	_____	Pass	_____	No Pass
Vote for the written Exam	:	_____	Pass	_____	No Pass

Committee Member’s Signatures

The committee members should sign the Approval Form when giving a final approval of the proposal. The student should return this completed form to his/her Major Professor prior to scheduling the oral examination.

Comments (attached additional pages if necessary):