Form GS5
Authorization to Sit for a Comprehensive Examination

This communication is used by a Department Chair/GPC to confirm that a student is ready to sit for comprehensive examinations. The student must be full standing in a doctoral program, must have satisfied all foreign language requirements, if applicable, and must have completed all or nearly all of the program course work requirements for the degree. When a student completes the comprehensive examination, he/she is considered to be admitted to the candidacy.

Student Name: ___________________________ Student ID#: _______________________

Degree Sought: __________________________ Program: _______________________

Courses remaining to be completed:
1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________

Members of the Examining Committee

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Proposed Date of Examination: __________________________

I have examined the academic record of the candidate and I find that the candidate is ready to sit for comprehensive examinations.

Department Chair/GPC Signature ______________________ Date ______________________

Notes:
1. Students with outstanding I grades or a grade point average of less than 3.0 are not eligible to take a comprehensive examination.
2. There must be one intervening semester between the semester in which the comprehensive examination and the final dissertation examination occur.
3. The total duration of study for a doctoral degree may not exceed seven years. It is expected that students will have been admitted to candidacy within four years of entry to the doctoral program.
4. After admission to candidacy, a student must maintain continuous enrollment requirements. The Graduate Catalog defines continuous enrollment as enrollment in two of the three academic periods (Fall, Spring and Summer) during a 12-month period of time.