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### Dissertation or Thesis Defense Examination Form

This form certifies that the committee has examined the student's dissertation, certifies that the student successfully defended the dissertation in a final examination, and recommends acceptance of the dissertation by William & Mary.

Note the restriction of 240 characters (including spaces) for the dissertation or thesis title to be listed on this form, in Banner, and in ProQuest.

#### Instructions

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Signatures required before returning the form:

- Chair/Co-chairs of the examining committee;
- Committee members.

Return completed form with original signatures to Stetson House room 201, the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

#### Note on Proxy Signatures:

If a committee member is not available to sign at the close of a successful defense examination, that committee member should send an email message as soon as possible after the defense to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research confirming that in their view the defense examination was a success and requesting that a proxy signature be accepted on their behalf. The Director of Graduate Studies for your program should serve as the proxy. However, if your program's Director of Graduate Studies is a member of your thesis or dissertation committee or is out of town, your Department Chair or Program Director should serve as the proxy. The proxy should sign his or her name followed by "for (committee member)." Please note that the committee chair may not serve as the proxy.



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Exam Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banner ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree:  M.A. or M.S.  Ph.D.

Dissertation or Thesis Title (240 characters):

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Comments:

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Print Name

Signature

Committee Chair or Co-chair

Committee Co-chair (if applicable)

External Examiner (for dissertation defense)

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