

PhD Candidacy Exam Topics Approval Form
Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

The candidacy examination in GSWS is designed to provide students with the opportunity to map, and demonstrate mastery of, the fields of expertise that will inform their independent doctoral research. Students must develop one course outline and one research paper. To satisfy the requirements for both breadth and depth in knowledge of the fields of expertise that inform the student's research topic, the course outline should be designed at a second year level (breadth) and the paper should focus more specifically on theories and literature that directly inform the student's doctoral research (depth). Students may propose a course outline at a different level if this better suits their interests; this must be approved by the student's supervisor/s, committee members, and the Graduate Chair.

Instructions for the candidacy examination process can be found here:

http://uwo.ca/womens/graduate/phd_program/requirements.html

Student Name: _____ **Supervisor:** _____

Committee Members: _____

Date of Candidacy Exam Committee Meeting: _____

Title of Topic: _____

**Please attach a copy of the Outline of Candidacy Examination Topics that was distributed to and reviewed by the Candidacy Examination Committee.*

Comments by Examination Committee. Please indicate any discussion points or concerns that have a bearing on the examination content and process – e.g., comments regarding scope of topics, committee members' availability and willingness to be consulted.

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Date Set for Candidacy Examination (no later than 5 months after this approval form is signed):

Date Set for Submission of Candidacy Exams (no later than 2 weeks prior to Examination):

Signatures

Signatures indicate agreement by the committee on the candidacy examination topics (attached) and the examination timelines (above).

Student _____

Supervisor _____

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____

Graduate Chair _____