

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

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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. There are two options for the candidacy examination: (i) the student develops two course outlines, one aimed at the second-year level in an area that broadly informs their research, and one at the fourth-year level in an area that more specifically addresses their research topic; (ii) the student develops one course outline and one research paper (typically the course outline will be at the second-year level in an area that broadly informs the student's research topic and the research paper will focus more specifically on the student's research topic – although the course outline may be at the fourth-year level with approval from the supervisor and committee).

Instructions for the candidacy examination process can be found here:

[http://uwo.ca/womens/graduate/phd\\_program/requirements.html](http://uwo.ca/womens/graduate/phd_program/requirements.html)

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Members:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Candidacy Exam Committee Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one:**      Option 1 - two course outlines ☐      Option 2 - one outline, one paper ☐

**Title of Topic 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Topic 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*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):

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

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### **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 \_\_\_\_\_