

**IU Earth & Atmospheric Sciences Departmental
Report on a Qualifying Oral Examination**

To the student: Please fill out Part I below and give the form to the Chair of your Committee.

Part I

Name:

Date of Oral Exam

Title of the Essay:

Name of the Qualifying Committee Chair

Names of the Other Committee Members

Part II. Committee's Report

Please check one box below:

The student passes the Qualifying Exam and may immediately submit the Prospectus to the Graduate School.

The student passes the Qualifying Exam and should submit the Prospectus to the Graduate School after the Dissertation Chapter Exam.

The student fails the Qualifying Exam

Comments _____

*Chair, Qualifying Exam
Committee*

Minor Representative, if any

Committee Member

Committee Member

- *Signed form to Graduate Program Coordinator*
- *Copy to Student*
- *Scanned copy to electronic file*

Rules Concerning Qualifying Exam

The Qualifying Exam consists of a written examination with normal practice being one question from each advisory committee member. This is normally followed within a week by an oral examination, on a topic that the student plans to pursue further in the dissertation. The Exam will test whether the student is ready to write a dissertation on the chosen topic.

The Qualifying Exam is normally taken after the student has completed all the course work for the PhD. Once the student has passed the Qualifying Exam and has satisfied the course requirements, he or she will be nominated to candidacy. (For information on candidacy, see the section titled, "Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy" in the *University Graduate School Bulletin*.)

Notes:

- a. The Qualifying Exam will be administered by a committee, consisting of at least three members, including the student's advisor, that will later evolve into the student's dissertation committee. A representative of the Minor may be included on the exam, if the Chair of the committee finds it desirable. Note that the University requires that a member representing the student's minor must belong to the *dissertation* committee.
- b. The Qualifying Exam should be taken no later than the end of three and one-half years of graduate study

Instruction for the Student

1. Please fill out Part I of this form and give it to the Chair of your committee.
2. If you have completed all course requirements, go to:
<https://one.iu.edu/task/iub/nomination-to-candidacy-for-phd> Fill out the online form.
3. Once you have assembled your research committee, go to:
<https://one.iu.edu/task/iupui/phd-nomination-of-research-committee>
Fill out the online form.