DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCES
PHD PROGRAM

DIAGNOSTIC OR QUALIFYING EXAM

• SUBMIT FORM BY OCTOBER 15TH OF FIRST SEMESTER (March 15th for spring semester)

The Diagnostic or Qualifying Exam must be completed before the end of the Ph.D. student’s first semester in the program.

The Diagnostic Exam shall consist of both a written and an oral part.

The written portion of the exam will consist of answers to one or more questions from each of the student’s three advisory committee members. The questions are intended to explore the student’s background in his or her chosen field of study and to advise the student on areas that will require additional coursework or independent study.

The oral portion of the exam shall consist of a brief presentation by the student on his or her general area of interest, followed by questions from the student’s advisory committee. Questions may be on any topic. The oral portion of the exam shall be less than 2 hours in duration.

If the student fails either the oral or written part of the exam, it may be retaken a second time before the end of the following semester, with the approval of the student’s committee.

Name: __________________________________________

Major Advisor
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Committee Member
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Date of Meeting __________ Time __________ Location __________

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