The purpose of this form is to assure that the student’s proposed final oral examining committee thesis panel have met and are in agreement that:

a) the problem being studied is significant and relevant to the student’s degree program;

b) the scope of work is appropriate; and

c) the methodology is appropriate.

### Program

**OLPD Track:**
- [ ] CIDE
- [ ] EPL
- [ ] ES
- [ ] HE
- [ ] HRD (WHRE)

**Thesis Title:**

### Panel

The minimum required membership on the thesis panel depends on the student’s program track:

- **EPL, ES, and HE:** The adviser, member(s) representing the outside field (aka the member with status in another department or minor), and one other OLPD committee member must serve on the panel. The third inside member does not serve as a thesis panel reader and need not be included on this form. Additional members may serve on the panel, but it is not required.

- **CIDE and HRD (WHRE):** All members of the committee serve on the thesis panel.

### Expectations of the Student

The student is expected to provide a written prospectus that should be presented to the committee at least two weeks prior to their meeting. At the meeting, concerns and suggestions of the committee members will be discussed. Expected modifications, if any, shall be specified in writing. The committee may elect to meet again or the student and adviser may be directed to make the necessary modifications specified if these are minor. **It is the student’s responsibility to bring this form to the thesis panel prospectus meeting and obtain all signatures once approved.**

Upon completion, the student needs to go to [www.grad.umn.edu/students/forms/doctoral/index.html](http://www.grad.umn.edu/students/forms/doctoral/index.html) and list/reconfirm their final examination committee’s membership under the “Assign/Update Final Oral Examining Committee” link.

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