

ADVISER'S REPORT ON DOCTORAL CANDIDACY

Student Name _____

Date of Evaluation _____

Please mark one of the following three boxes based on the conditions listed below each examination outcome. If the student is not an Unconditional Pass, specify the student's status in a letter you give to the student (attach a copy to this form).

The student passed the candidacy examination and should now be considered an official doctoral student.

1a. Unconditional pass: Admission to candidacy is granted without reservation.

1b. Conditional pass: The student is admitted to candidacy and no reexamination is required. Minor gaps in the student's preparation can be remedied by readings or courses. The candidate's doctoral committee will supervise the necessary work. A copy of the letter to the student to this effect is attached.

The student failed the candidacy examination, but will be given the opportunity to retake it.

2a. Partial fail with partial reexamination: The reexamination will be confined to the topics in which significant deficiency exists. The program designed to remedy the deficiency will be prescribed by the doctoral candidacy committee. The doctoral committee will not be appointed, and formal doctoral work does not begin until the deficiency has been remedied and a reexamination taken and passed.

2b. Failure with option for reexamination: A student whose general preparation is inadequate will be advised to take another examination after a period of preparation. The student will be limited to a maximum of two examinations.

The student failed the candidacy examination, and will NOT be given the opportunity to retake it. The department has rejected the student as a doctoral candidate. A copy of the letter to the student to this effect is attached.

3a. Failure without option for reexamination


3b. Recommendation, in appropriate cases (e.g., for those without a master's degree in geography), to complete a master's degree in geography at Penn State, prior to retaking the PhD candidacy exam.

yes no Is "program terminated by department" to appear on the transcript?

yes no Was this the first attempt at candidacy?

yes no Will the student continue to seek the master's degree?

Committee Members
Present

 Return to Graduate Administrative Assistant in 302 Walker Building.

Adviser's Signature _____

Date _____