

Petition for Summer Defense Form

Dear Student: A summer defense can be a challenge and is an unnecessary expense if you should fail to meet the deadlines. This form is required to help you ensure the best possible chance for success. If you want to participate in spring commencement, this form must be submitted to the Graduate Office no later than the spring defense-scheduling deadline.

PART 1: To be completed by the student

Print Student Name _____ Student ID _____

Program _____ MS thesis defense PhD dissertation defense

I will be able to give a complete quality draft of the thesis/dissertation to my major professor no later than June 1.

I plan to defend on (date) _____ and have verified that my committee is willing and available to attend a summer defense on this day and will be accessible for post-defense reviews and approvals.

I understand that if I fail to meet the Graduate Education deadlines for any reason, including the inability of my committee to finish reviews, then I will be required to register for fall semester in addition to the summer semester.

(Optional) I am requesting to walk in Spring commencement prior to completing the defense (MS students only).

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PART 2: To be completed by the major professor

I have seen/reviewed major portions of the thesis/dissertation and am confident that it will be complete by June 1.

I am available on the defense date indicated above.

I will be accessible for several weeks after the defense to review revisions and approve the final draft.

Major Professor Signature (Print Name) Date

PART 3: To be completed by the student's graduate committee members

Faculty members are not obligated to agree to a summer defense.

By signing this form, I indicate that I am willing to attend a summer defense on the date specified above and be accessible for several weeks afterward to review revisions and approve the final draft.

Graduate Representative Signature (Print Name) Date

Committee Member Signature (Print Name) Date

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Dean of Graduate Education (Print Name) Date