

**PhD Comprehensive Exam with MS Degree**  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Univ ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree sought:** [ ] M.S. with thesis [ ] M.S. without thesis

**Degree:** [ ] M.S. Physics [ ] M.S. Astronomy

**Advisor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected semester of M.S. graduation/PhD Comprehensive Exam:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis Title (if M.S. with thesis)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Members:** (three required for M.S.; four for PhD) (\*PhD candidate only)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair) (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4\*- outside member) \_\_\_\_\_

**Department/University of Outside Member** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a committee member who is outside of the University of Iowa, please send me their following information.

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of their CV

**Proposed date of the defense if known (if not yet scheduled, please indicated the planned month, but let me know at least 3 weeks before exam):**

\_\_\_\_\_ (weekday) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_ (room)

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Candidate's signature

Date

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Advisor's signature

Date

The program for the M.S. with thesis requires a thesis based on an original experimental or theoretical investigation by the candidate. The program for the M.S. with critical essay (Non-thesis) requires a critical essay on the literature of a particular area of physics or astronomy. In the event the comprehensive exam and M.S. exam are held together, a single document can be used to satisfy the requirements of both exams, with the prior agreement of the advisor and committee on the format of the document. The document submitted for the comprehensive exam may serve as either the thesis or as the critical essay. If the thesis option is chosen, the document must be submitted to the Graduate College as the M.S. thesis, where an accompanying fee will apply. The examining committee will file separate reports of its actions on the final examination for the master's degree and for the comprehensive examination.