

# BIOPHYSICS DISSERTATION DEFENSE

**Oral Defense :** To be awarded a Ph.D. a student must do significant original research, describe this research in a dissertation and defend the dissertation in an oral defense. We expect that under normal circumstances a student will complete his/her Ph.D. by the end of their 5th year. We also expect that a student's research work will be published in at least one article in a peer-reviewed scientific journal and that a student will give an oral presentation on his or her research at a meeting, conference or workshop at least once. Such a paper and/or talk may be given while the student is working on the Ph.D. or shortly thereafter. Accordingly, we will collect and report data on whether these expectations are met. .

Date

First Name

Last Name

Dissertation Title

Problem Definition

Exemplary Performance  
Meets Expectations  
Does Not Meet Expectations

Literature and Previous Work

Exemplary Performance  
Meets Expectations  
Does Not Meet Expectations

Results

Exemplary Performance  
Meets Expectations  
Does Not Meet Expectations

Potential Impact of Work

Exemplary Performance  
Meets Expectations  
Does Not Meet Expectations

Overall Communication Skills

Exemplary Performance  
Meets Expectations  
Does Not Meet Expectations

Overall Assessment

Accept  
Accept with Recommended Changes/ All  
sign except chair  
Recommend with Revision/No Signatures  
Recommend Revision/2nd Meeting to  
Review  
Unsatisfactory Dissertation

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Additional Comments

Signatures: Print Name, Signature

Dates:

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