MA in Critical Sociology
PROPOSAL APPROVAL FORM

Instructions for Proposal Approvals

Proposals should be 5 pages for Major Research Papers (MRP) and 10 pages for Theses. In both cases, proposals should outline the research topic and research question, locate the research question in the existing literature, and identify the project's scholarly contributions. MRP proposals will also identify research sources, outline a timeline, and provide a sample reference list. Thesis proposals will additionally specify a working argument, define key concepts, identify the research design and analytic strategy, delineate a timeline and chapter outline, and provide a sample reference list. See the "Graduate Student Handbook" for complete proposal guidelines for both streams. This document should also be consulted for further details about the distinction between MRPs and theses, and for the responsibilities of students and supervisory committee members. Supervisory committees are urged to discuss the means through which student progress will be supported and monitored, and establish a timetable for regular meetings and the submissions of drafts.

Major Research Paper ☐ Thesis ☐

Date: Student Name:

Major Research Paper/Thesis Proposal Title:

The Supervisory Committee has communicated the following points regarding the development of the major research paper/thesis to the student:

Supervisor Name/Signature:

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Second Committee Member Name/Signature:

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Third Committee Member Name/Signature:

(attach brief rationale for inclusion if not currently affiliated in the Critical Sociology program)

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Student Signature:

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Each student and Supervisor should retain a copy of this form. One copy should be forwarded with a copy of the Proposal to the Graduate Program Director.