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1 Welcome and Purpose of Handbook

Welcome to the graduate study in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and construction (CEEC). The Department provides a well-rounded education combining theoretical learning with applied laboratory experience.

The purpose of this Handbook is to state the requirements for graduate study and graduate degrees. For additional information, please contact the Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction Department Graduate Coordinator by calling (702) 895-3701.

1.1 Degree Title

Graduate degrees awarded by the CEEC Department
- Master of Science in Engineering (MSE)
- Master of Science in Transportation (MST)
- Master of Science in Construction Management (MSCM)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

1.2 Civil Engineering Concentrations

CEEC Graduate students can choose from the following specialty areas:
- Construction
- Environmental
- Geotechnical
- Structural
- Transportation
- Water Resources

2 General Policies

This section provides general policies regarding CEEC graduate programs. For additional details, consult Graduate College website: https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/current.

- Student exceeding the following time limits will not be eligible to complete the degree program.
  - MS: 4 years
  - Ph.D.: 6 years
  - Direct Ph.D.: 8 years
- Transfer students’ coursework older than the above limits at the time of graduation will be considered as per Graduate College policies.
- A leave of absence will not stop the clock or the above time limits to complete the degree program.
• Change of major advisor is not recommended and requires written approval of both the Graduate Affairs Committee and Department Chair.
• Change of major advisor typically results in loss of funding for the student.

2.1 Interruption of Study

When necessary, a student may request approval for a leave of absence from a degree program. During the leave of absence, the student should remain in contact with the CEEC Department. Failure to complete degree program within above time limits will result in removal from the degree program.

2.2 Probation and Separation

Students not making satisfactory progress will be put on probation and a specific plan will be implemented to improve their progress. Probation will be removed upon a clear demonstration of progress within the time frame given in the specific plan. Failure to improve progress within the specified timeframe will result in their separation from the degree program.

2.3 Appeal Procedures

Students requesting reconsideration for decisions related to their degree program can file an appeal to the Graduate Affairs Committee within 60 days from the decision date. The appeal application must include the Graduate College appeal form, a clear statement describing reasons for reconsideration, and supporting documentation.

3 Responsibilities

All members of the UNLV community are dedicated to learning. In responding to this dedication, the University demands a high level of scholarly behavior and academic honesty on the part of students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

3.1 Responsibilities of Graduate Students

3.1.1 Academic honesty

The University, Graduate College, and CEEC Department expect a high level of scholarly integrity and academic honesty on the part of students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Quality academic work requires honesty. The UNLV faculty and administration regard any attempt by a student to present as his or her own work, which he or she has not solely produced, as a serious offense.
If a student is deemed by a faculty member to be guilty of academic dishonesty, the student may be assigned a failing grade for the corresponding segment of the course or for the entire course. The faculty member or administrator also may initiate a disciplinary review under procedures described in the University and Community College System of Nevada document: Rules and Disciplinary Procedures for Members of the University Community. Disciplinary sanction options described therein include warning, probation, suspension, and expulsion or revocation of a degree, if a degree has been previously awarded. In all cases, the faculty member is responsible for recording the circumstances and for giving the student an opportunity to reply. Appeals go to the chair of the student’s academic department, academic dean, and Graduate College Dean. If a graduate student fails to maintain the standards of academic or professional integrity expected in his or her discipline or program, the student’s admission status in his or her program can be terminated. In addition, if any member of the University community is deemed guilty of academic dishonesty, action may be brought under the Rules and Disciplinary Procedures for Members of the University Community. Students may wish to obtain a copy of the UNLV Student Conduct Code and Policies, which is distributed by the Division of Student Life. For additional details, consult Graduate College catalog.

3.2 Responsibilities of Graduate Assistants

Graduate assistant is an admitted advanced degree student who has been appointed to provide teaching, research or other academic support service to an academic unit while pursuing a graduate program of study. All graduate assistantships, whether state or extramurally funded, are under the jurisdiction and regulations of the Graduate College. Students may refer to the Graduate College website for more information.

3.3 Responsibilities of Teaching Assistants

Teaching assistants are required to assist in teaching activities of the Department’s laboratory courses and/or grading of homework in undergraduate courses. Normally, teaching assistants meet with the course instructor(s) at the beginning of the term to understand their responsibilities. Teaching assistants are expected to be knowledgeable in the subject matter of undergraduate courses. They are expected to be punctual in attendance for their duties and will be present for the full semester. Teaching assistants should post regular office hours for students and be available during those times without any special appointment. The MS students receiving teaching assistantships are required to complete their degree program in thesis track. Teaching assistants’ thesis research work is not considered as a part of their teaching assistantship.

Teaching assistants must ensure that they thoroughly understand the apparatus and principles of laboratory exercises. It is understood that this will, in many cases, require them to spend additional time for preparation outside of regularly-scheduled laboratory hours.
Grading should be performed in a thorough, consistent, punctual and professional manner. Reasons for mark deductions should be indicated in clear and unambiguous terms in ink. Grading should be done in the context of a scheme, which has been approved by the course instructor and is made available to the undergraduate students.

Teaching Assistants may occasionally be asked to perform duties that do not fall within the previous categories, such as proctoring an exam or assisting the Department in its accreditation efforts and/or course evaluations.

### 3.4 Termination of Graduate Assistantship

Failure to perform assigned duties or poor performance will result in an immediate termination of the assistantship contract.

### 3.5 Responsibilities of Graduate Advisory Committee

#### 3.5.1 Responsibilities of Thesis/Dissertation Advisor

The Graduate Assistant assignments might be with a different faculty member than the student’s thesis/dissertation advisor. The thesis/dissertation advisor’s duties are defined by the Graduate College and are posted on the Graduate College website.

#### 3.5.2 Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee Members

Advisory committee members must be members of the Graduate Faculty at UNLV. The advisory committee members are expected to engage with the student and the rest of the advisory committee as needed.

### 4 Graduate Degree Milestones

#### 4.1 Master’s Degree Milestones

- Apply to UNLV Graduate College for admission to MSE, MSCM or MST Program by the following dates:
  - **Domestic Students:**
    - Fall semester admission: June 15th
    - Spring semester admission: November 15th
  - **International Students:**
    - Fall semester admission: March 15th
    - Spring semester admission: August 15th
- Upon admission acceptance, students will be assigned a CEEC Graduate Advisor within the first semester. Typically, CEEC faculty providing funding support will serve as the Graduate Advisor. Students with other sources of financial support outside UNLV will be
assigned a Graduate Advisor based on the student’s preference or someone closely related to his or her area of interest as specified in the Statement of Purpose.

- Student must meet with their CEEC Graduate Advisor prior to registering for graduate classes. First semester students without an advisor should contact Graduate Coordinator for advising.

- Graduate students in thesis track must adhere to the following timeline:

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<td>Establish advisory committee</td>
<td>End of 1st semester of study</td>
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<td>Submit program of study</td>
<td>End of 2nd semester of study</td>
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<td>Submit prospectus</td>
<td>End of 2nd semester of study</td>
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<tr>
<td>Submit Graduation Application Form</td>
<td>Grad College deadline in graduation semester</td>
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<tr>
<td>Submit final draft of thesis to committee</td>
<td>2 weeks prior to oral defense</td>
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<tr>
<td>Email Grad College defense announcement</td>
<td>2 weeks prior to oral defense</td>
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<tr>
<td>Submit all paperwork to Grad College</td>
<td>Grad College deadline</td>
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- It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all advisory committee members will be available for the oral defense. Student must check as to advisory committee members’ travel schedule, sabbatical schedule, or the members’ existence of prior commitment in advance of setting this oral defense date.

- Registration for at least 3 graduate credit hours during the semester or summer term in which graduation is expected.

- Completion of a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours in project or thesis track. No more than 6 semester hours of transfer credit is acceptable. For UNLV Non-Degree graduate students, a maximum of 15 graduate credits taken at UNLV may be applied toward a graduate degree program.

- All degree requirements must be completed within 4 years of the start of the first UNLV graduate class taken by the student.

- For thesis option students: committee approval of the approved thesis by the published deadline for the semester or summer term of graduation.

- Receipt of final grades in the Registrar’s Office by the published deadline.

- Completion of the master’s degree requirements established by the Graduate Committee.

- Payment of all fees by the published deadline for the semester or summer term of graduation.

4.2 Doctoral Degree Milestones

- Apply to UNLV Graduate College for admission to Ph.D. in Civil Engineering Program by the following dates:
  
  Domestic Students:
  - Fall semester admission: June 15th
  - Spring semester admission: November 15th

  International Students:
  - Fall semester admission: March 15th
  - Spring semester admission: August 15th
• Upon admission acceptance, students will be assigned a CEEC Graduate Advisor. Typically, CEEC faculty providing funding support will serve as the Graduate Advisor. Students with other sources of financial support outside UNLV will be assigned a Graduate Advisor based on the student’s preference or someone closely related to his or her area of interest as specified in the Statement of Purpose.

• Student must meet with their CEEC Graduate Advisor prior to registering for graduate classes. First semester students without an advisor should contact graduate coordinator for advising.

• Graduate students must adhere to the following timeline:

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<td>Establish dissertation committee</td>
<td>End of 2nd semester of study</td>
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<td>Doctoral qualifying exam</td>
<td>End of 3rd semester for MS-Ph.D. track*</td>
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<td>End of 4th semester for BS-Ph.D. track*</td>
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<td>Submit program of study</td>
<td>End of 3rd semester</td>
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<tr>
<td>Complete proposal defense</td>
<td>1 semester following qualifying exam</td>
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<tr>
<td>Submit Graduation Application Form</td>
<td>Grad College deadline in graduation semester</td>
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<tr>
<td>Submit final draft of dissertation to committee</td>
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*Administered on 1st Friday of November and 1st Friday of March

• It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all advisory committee members will be available for the oral defense. Student must check as to advisory committee members’ travel schedule, sabbatical schedule, or the members’ existence of prior commitments in advance of setting this oral defense date.

• Registration for at least 3 graduate credit hours during the semester or summer term in which graduation is expected.

• Completion of a minimum of 24 graduate credit hours of course work and 21 hours of dissertation work. No more than 6 semester hours of transfer credit is acceptable. For UNLV Non-Degree graduate students, a maximum of 15 graduate credits taken at UNLV may be applied toward a graduate degree program.

• All degree requirements must be completed within 6 years (8 years for direct Ph.D.) from the start of the first UNLV graduate class taken by the student.

• Committee approval of the approved dissertation by the published deadline for the semester or summer term of graduation.

• Receipt of final grades in the Registrar’s Office by the published deadline.

• Completion of the doctoral degree requirements established by the Graduate Committee.

• Payment of all fees by the published deadline for the semester or summer term of graduation.
5 Graduate Degree Requirements

5.1 Degree Requirements – M.S.

The degree requirements for the M.S. (MSE, MSCM, and MST), also available in the graduate catalog, include the following:

- For thesis track, an advisory committee composed of at least four members of the UNLV graduate faculty is to be formed. Two of these faculty must be from the CEEC Department, and the third from a relevant field. The fourth faculty is recommended by advisor/advisee and appointed by the Graduate College. All students must establish their advisory committees prior to the conclusion of their second semester of study.
- For project track, the student’s Advisor should be tenured or a tenure-track faculty member of the CEEC Department and no advisory committee is required.
- The program of study is to be prepared by the student and his/her advisor and must be approved by the student’s Advisor (project track) or Advisory Committee (thesis track) and the Department Graduate Coordinator. In case of thesis track, the program of study is accompanied by thesis prospectus.
- For thesis track, it is required to have satisfactory completion of 3 credit hours of CEE 700 during the first year, 18 credits of approved graduate courses, and 9 credits of work associated with the master’s level thesis (CEE 797 or CEM 797) with the outcome being a manuscript written for a specific indexed conference or journal. The final examination will include a thesis defense. The student’s Advisory Committee may add additional requirements in accordance with the individual’s background and area of study.
- For project track, it is required to have satisfactory completion of 27 credits of graduate courses approved by the student’s advisor and 3 credit hours of CEE 796 or CEM 796 with the outcome being a paper written for a specific indexed conference or journal.
- At least 50% of the courses (600 and 700 level) within the total coursework must be from the College of Engineering.
- At least 50% of the courses within the total coursework must be 700 level.
- All requirements for the MSE, MSCM, and MST are met upon the satisfactory completion of the proposed research, the submission of a satisfactory thesis, and the successful oral defense of the thesis before the Advisory Committee.
- MS students must select a minimum of 3 courses from the following discipline-based list:

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5.1.1 Defense of Master Thesis

The final examination shall be an oral defense of the student’s thesis. The examination will be conducted by the student’s graduate committee in accordance with Graduate College requirements.

5.2 Degree Requirements – Ph.D.

The degree requirements for the Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, also available in graduate catalog, include the following:

5.2.1 MS-Ph.D. Track

- A Doctoral Advisory Committee composed of at least five members of the UNLV graduate faculty is to be formed. Three of these faculty must be from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction, and the fourth from a relevant field. The fifth faculty is recommended by advisor/advisee and appointed by the Graduate College. All students must establish their advisory committees prior to the conclusion of their second semester of study.
- The program of study is to be prepared by the student and his/her doctoral advisor and must be approved by the student’s Doctoral Advisory Committee and the Graduate Coordinator.
- Doctoral students must complete a 3-credit course (CEE 700) in the first year. In addition, a minimum of 21 credits hours of coursework beyond the degree of Master of Science in Engineering or equivalent is required. For students who have completed CEE 700, or equivalent, during their Master of Science studies, a minimum of 24 credits hours is still required. The student’s Doctoral Advisory Committee may add additional requirements in accordance with the individual’s background and area of study.
- At least 50% of the courses (600 and 700 level) within the total coursework must be from the College of Engineering.
- At least 50% of the courses within the total coursework must be 700 level.
- In addition to these course requirements, a dissertation consisting of at least 21 credits (CEE 799) is required.
- Doctoral qualifying exam must include a written component prepared by the student’s graduate committee. At the discretion of graduate committee, the exam may have an oral component as well. The graduate committee shall provide examination to the CEEC Department Graduate Coordinator who will administer the written qualifying exam for the CEEC Department on scheduled dates (First Friday of November and First Friday of March for fall and spring terms, respectively).
- The doctoral student must pass a preliminary exam consisting of the preparation of a written proposal for the dissertation research followed by an oral defense of the proposal. The proposal must be approved by the student’s Doctoral Advisory Committee. Students are advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D., upon the completion of all course work and approval of the dissertation research proposal.
• All requirements for the Ph.D. are met upon the satisfactory completion of the proposed research, the submission of a satisfactory dissertation, and the successful oral defense of the dissertation before the Doctoral Advisory Committee.
• After the candidacy examination, the candidate, in consultation with the dissertation advisor, may revise the plan of study to reflect the coursework recommendations made by the dissertation committee. The revised plan of study must be approved by dissertation committee and the Department Graduate Coordinator.

5.2.2 BS-Ph.D. Track

All MS-Ph.D. track requirements apply with the exception of the following:

• A minimum of 42 credit hours of course work beyond the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering or equivalent is required (excluding dissertation credits).
• For the existing students converting from MS to BS-PhD track, qualifying exam must be taken within the first semester following the conversion.

5.2.3 Scheduling the Qualifying Examination

**Written Examination:** Each committee member will prepare one or more questions covering a given area of competence. These questions shall be given to the candidate by the Department Graduate Coordinator. The written examination is an 8-hour exam and will be given on the 1st Friday of March or November and is proctored by the Graduate Coordinator. Following the examination, the Department Graduate Coordinator will forward the candidate’s responses to the respective dissertation advisor for grading. The dissertation committee shall report their grades to the Department Graduate Coordinator. (see attachment form, Results of Comprehensive Examination).

**Oral Examination:** The oral examination, if required by the dissertation committee, shall be conducted within two weeks after the written examination is completed. A two-hour examination period is recommended. The oral examination is a continuation of the written examination and allows the candidate to amplify and clarify the written responses. However, questions will not necessarily be confined to the subject matter covered on the written examination.

5.2.4 Unsatisfactory Performance in the Qualifying Exam

A vote by all members of the doctoral committee will determine satisfactory performance in both the written and oral parts of the qualifying examination. Unsatisfactory performance will require:

• Additional coursework and/or re-examination, or
• Dismissal from the Ph.D. program.
In case of disagreement with the outcome of the exam, student may appeal in writing to the Department Chair, who, together with the Department Graduate Coordinator and the dissertation advisor shall make a decision regarding the candidate’s continuation in the program.

5.2.5 Preparation and Defense of the Dissertation Proposal

A formal research proposal detailing the proposed doctoral research shall be developed independently by the candidate with guidance from dissertation advisor. The candidate will orally present and defend the proposal at a meeting of the dissertation committee. The written research proposal must be submitted to each member of the dissertation committee for their review at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The proposal will be judged by the committee on its technical merit.

After being accepted by the committee, a copy of the proposal, including any changes or additions requested by the committee, will become a permanent part of the candidate’s record. Approval of the proposal, by vote of the entire committee, will be recorded.

5.2.6 Defense of Doctoral Dissertation

The final examination shall be an oral defense of the candidate’s doctoral dissertation. The examination will be conducted by the candidate’s doctoral committee in accordance with the Graduate College requirements.

5.3 Additional Requirements – All Degree Programs

5.3.1 Taking Credits from another Institution while at UNLV

Once admitted to the CEEC Department degree program, students must obtain prior written consent of the Department and the Dean of the Graduate College to take coursework elsewhere and use it in their degree program. Such work must be graduate level and graded and must not be experimental, correspondence, or extended in nature.

The CEEC Department, the Graduate Coordinator, the Academic Dean responsible for approving the student’s degree program, and the Graduate College Dean must approve all credits taken prior to admission or transfer credit.

Items of Consideration are:
- The work must have been taken at an accredited institution;
- The work must be completed with a grade of B or higher (B- is not acceptable);
- Official transcripts covering the work must be sent directly from the issuing institution to the graduate college;
• The work must be posted to the student’s permanent academic record; and
• Transfer credit is approved only when evidence exists that the work is certifiably
  Graduate level and had not been used in another degree program. The age of the transfer
  work under consideration, or the year taken, may also be a factor. The student is
  responsible for providing this evidence.

5.3.2 Limitation on Credit Load

The University considers a graduate student taking nine credits per semester as full-time (six
credit hours if the student is a graduate assistant). Graduate students normally may not take more
than 12 credit hours (10 as a graduate assistant) during the fall and spring terms. They may take
no more than six credit hours in a single five-week summer term and earn no more than a total of
12 credits during the summer term (pre, post and regular five-week sessions combined).
Overload petitions are available in the Graduate College office. Petitions must be approved prior
to registration.

5.3.3 Grade Point Average (GPA)

A candidate for an advanced degree must have an overall grade point average of 3.00 for all
graduate program approved courses. The GPA, computed by the Graduate College, includes all
completed graduate course work accepted at admission and all subsequently approved course
work. According to Graduate College, a course in which a grade of less than C was received will
not be considered for use toward the degree.

5.3.4 Continuous Enrollment for Maintaining Continuing Registration

After admission to a graduate program, students must register for and complete a minimum of
six hours of graduate credits in each rolling three semesters (including summer). Students
working on a thesis or dissertation must register for three semester hours of credit each semester
(excluding summer), until the document has been completed and has been given final approval.
Students who have not registered for academic work within one calendar year will be separated
from their program and must reapply for admission should they wish to continue. Exceptions to
the above policy, as with a request for a leave of absence, are made only with the approval of the
student’s advisor, Department Chair or Graduate Coordinator, Academic Dean and the Graduate
Dean. Approved exceptions do not stop the extend the maximum degree completion time limit.
Any student using the services of the academic staff or university facilities must be register
ed for the period during which the services are rendered or for the time the facilities are used.

5.3.5 The iThenticate Requirement for Theses & Dissertations

All theses and dissertations defended after January 15, 2016 must be submitted to iThenticate for
a similarity check prior to submission of the final document to the Graduate College. A copy of
the similarity report must be submitted to the student’s advisory committee at the time of the final defense, and it will be taken into account when determining the outcome of the defense. If the student passes their defense, the first page of the report shall be attached to the Culminating Experience Results form before submission to the Graduate College.

6 University Resources for Graduate Students

UNLV campus maintains a wide range of resources to facilitate and promote students educational experience. The following list is provided to acquaint those with the resources specifically relevant to graduate students. A brief description and website link is provided.

**Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA):** The GPSA has created a list of resources providing information about UNLV campus and Las Vegas community. ([https://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/resources](https://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/resources))

**Graduate REBEL Success Center:** The Graduate College has created this virtual success center that offers support and professional development opportunities for graduate students. ([https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/gradrebel](https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/gradrebel))

**Graduate College Research Program (GCRP):** The GCRP is a professional development program to advance knowledge and skills to conduct research projects. ([https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/gcrp](https://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/gcrp))

**Financial Resources:** The office of Research and Economic Development maintains a list of funding organizations that support research and education in a wide variety of disciplines. ([https://www.unlv.edu/research/osp/resources-graduate-students](https://www.unlv.edu/research/osp/resources-graduate-students))

**Safety Training System:** The office of Risk Management and Safety provides online safety training courses to educate graduate students about handling lab equipment and hazardous materials. ([http://rms.unlv.edu/occupational/training/online/](http://rms.unlv.edu/occupational/training/online/))

**Student Computing Services:** The office of Information Technology provides computing and printing facilities. It also provides free online tutorials (e.g., Lynda.com) and discounted software for students. ([https://oit.unlv.edu/students](https://oit.unlv.edu/students))

Some additional resources related to student education, living, and wellness are as follows:

Library: [https://www.library.unlv.edu/](https://www.library.unlv.edu/)
Writing Center: [http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/](http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/)
Campus Maps: [https://www.unlv.edu/maps](https://www.unlv.edu/maps)
Event Calendars: [https://www.unlv.edu/calendar](https://www.unlv.edu/calendar)
Student Union (SU): [https://www.unlv.edu/maps/su](https://www.unlv.edu/maps/su)
Student Recreation and Wellness Center (RWC): [https://www.unlv.edu/maps/rwc](https://www.unlv.edu/maps/rwc)
Student Organizations: [https://www.unlv.edu/getinvolved/student-orgs](https://www.unlv.edu/getinvolved/student-orgs)
7 Forms
7.1 Plan of Study Forms

**Doctoral Degree**


**Master Degree**

7.2 Results of Qualifying Examination Form

University of Nevada Las Vegas
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction

Date: ________________________________

From: ________________________________, Doctoral Committee Chair

To: Department Graduate Coordinator

Subject: Results of Qualifying Examination for ________________________________

- Written examination date: __________________
- Oral examination date: __________________

The results of the examination are as follows: (Note: Chair should initial the appropriate result below).

1. ( ) The student has passed qualifying exam.

2. ( ) The student has failed qualifying exam and is not eligible to retake.

3. ( ) The student has failed qualifying exam and is eligible to retake.

cc: Subject Student
7.3 Results of Proposal Defense Form

University of Nevada Las Vegas
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Construction

Date: ________________________________

From: ________________________________, Doctoral Committee Chair

To: Department Graduate Coordinator

Subject: Results of Qualifying Examination for ________________________________

A candidacy examination was administered on _____________ (Date) for the above student. The results of the examination are as follows: (Note: Chair should initial the appropriate result below).

1. ( ) The student has been accepted as a Ph.D. candidate by the candidacy committee and the Graduate School should be so notified.

2. ( ) The student has been rejected as a Ph.D. candidate by the candidacy committee and the Graduate School should be so notified.

3. ( ) The decision on candidacy was deferred pending completion of a written examination. This examination will be administered on ________________ (Date). Note: The written examination must be three hours in length and must be completed within four weeks of the oral examination.

4. ( ) Based on the results of the written examination held on ________________ (Date) the student has been accepted by the candidacy committee as a Ph.D. candidate and the Graduate School should be so notified.

5. ( ) Based on the results of the written examination held on ________________ (Date) the student has been rejected by the candidacy committee as a Ph.D. candidate and the Graduate School should be so notified.

cc: Subject Student
### 7.4 Thesis/Preliminary Dissertation/Dissertation Evaluation Form

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**Comments:**

- Technical quality of work
- Written presentation skills
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