

Final Oral Examination (Defense of Dissertation) Request Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Proposed Exam Date (MM/YY): _____

Doctoral Committee

Name	Title	Department / Affiliation	Email Address

Final Oral Examination Guidelines and Procedures

Submit the Final Oral Examination Form 6 weeks prior to the exam.

For the Final Oral Examination (defense of dissertation), the entire committee is required to be in attendance and each member must record a decision of “passed” or “not passed.” A student is not considered to have passed the final oral examination if they have more than one “not passed” vote, regardless of the size of the committee. Doctoral candidates should read the [UCLA Thesis and Dissertation Filing Requirements](#) in preparation of filing the defense.

The Final Oral Examination takes place only after all other degree requirements have been met. In this exam, doctoral candidates demonstrate to their committee satisfactory command of all aspects of the work presented, including original thought, performance of independent research that constitutes a distinct contribution in response to a need in the field of material culture conservation and other related subjects, if applicable.

Submit the [Reconstitution of the Doctoral Committee and/or Change in Final Oral Examination Requirement](#) form if the doctoral committee needs to be reconstituted.