

Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Guidelines for PhD Thesis Defense

Candidate Name:
Defense Date:
Defense Location:

This form is for use by faculty members in the closed session following the PhD candidate's public presentation. Faculty members should choose among the following decisions. This form should then be signed by the committee chair (NOT the thesis advisor) and returned to departmental headquarters.

Oral Defense

- Passed
- Not passed, and
 - Student will meet with group again in closed session within two weeks
 - Student will meet with group again in closed session before the deadline of the following term
 - No second chance scheduled at this time

Written Defense

- Written thesis passed as is (although there may be non-critical editorial suggestions for improvement)
- Written thesis passed pending certain changes, to be approved by thesis supervisor and/or specific committee members and the Graduate Committee Chairperson
Deadline for changes: _____
- Written thesis requires more work, so approval is withheld this term
Committee must provide candidate with written feedback regarding thesis content issues

Committee Chair -- Signature and Date

Advisor

Committee Member

Committee Member

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