



## Successful Defense Proposal UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA Mechanical Engineering

### PURPOSE

The Mechanical Engineering defense proposal consists of the successful completion of both the written and oral Research Proposal presented to the student's Dissertation Committee. Both the written and oral components must be passed for completion of this requirement.

### REQUIREMENTS

**Student must be registered for *at least 2 graduate credit hours* prior to their defense.** Once the form is approved, the student must complete the Admission to Ph.D. Candidacy form: <https://usf.app.box.com/v/admission-to-doc-candidacy>

- Requirements for successful proposal defense must be completed by the end of the second year of the Ph.D. program.
- Meet the specific curriculum requirements for the requested Degree, as specified in the Graduate Catalog posted at the time of the request.
- Students must have already established their Supervisory Committee at the time of the proposal defense.
- Students must achieve a 3.5 GPA or better in four courses selected from the following list of eligible courses:
  - Applied Elasticity
  - Advanced Thermodynamics
  - Math I
  - Math II
  - Advanced Controls
  - Advanced Fluids
  - Advanced Manufacturing
  - Advanced Materials
  - Advanced Dynamics of Machinery
  - Robotics

The purpose of the qualification process is to certify that a student possesses the fundamental knowledge and the academic and research skills necessary to complete their Ph.D. dissertation. Both components, the Comprehensive Exam and GPA Requirement, must be satisfied before the student is eligible to apply for doctoral candidacy.

### Academic Contacts

Once the student's dissertation committee has confirmed all requirements have been met, the following form should be sent directly to [GradMEAdvising@usf.edu](mailto:GradMEAdvising@usf.edu).

#### Faculty and Staff Contacts:

- [Nathan Gallant](#), Graduate Program Director
- [Diana Hamilton](#), Graduate Administrative Specialist

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
**Department of Mechanical Engineering**  
**SUCCESSFUL DISSERTATION PROPSAL FORM**

	<b>Name</b> <i>(print or type clearly)</i>	<b>USF ID#</b>	<b>GPA</b>
<b>Student</b>		U	

<b>Department</b>	
<b>Thesis/Dissertation Title</b>	
<b>Proposal Defense Date</b>	

**Examining Committee**

\*The undersigned verify that both the written and oral proposal defense components have been successfully completed by the student named above.

	<b>Name</b> <i>(print or type clearly)</i>	<b>Signature of Approval</b>	<b>Date Signed</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Major Professor</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Co-Major Professor</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Co-Major Professor</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Member</b>			
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<b>Member</b>			
<b>Graduate Program Director</b>			

**\*Student must email completed form to the Graduate Program Specialist in Mechanical Engineering.**