

Post Candidacy Contract

Name: _____ Starting year: _____

General instructions: use this form to plan and report your progress after advancement to candidacy. Put in *only* those courses used to fulfill the requirements of your degree. Put check marks in the boxes in the leftmost column for those courses and milestones that have been completed.

Contract must be submitted before thesis proposal: this contract must be reviewed and approved by your research advisor before you defend your thesis. Please submit the signed document to Lauren Clarke.

I. Depth Requirement

Students must choose between taking courses or doing an exam to demonstrate depth. Students who opt to take the exam must announce that decision to the curriculum committee, their advisor and the DGS before the end of their second year.

Courses Used to Demonstrate Depth (two related, non-R&R 2000 level courses):			
Complete?	Course Number/Title	Year/ Semester	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/>			

Depth Exam	
Complete?	Completed When?
<input type="checkbox"/>	

II. Coursework

Students must complete 8 (eight) courses, not counting R&R, before they can hold their thesis proposal. Courses can be a combination of transfer credits, courses taken for candidacy, and courses taken after reaching candidacy. Courses taken outside of CS can count toward this requirement if the thesis advisor agrees the course(s) was/were necessary for the students research progress. List below the two courses beyond the six required for candidacy. These may be the same as those used for the dept requirement.

2 courses beyond 6 for candidacy <input type="checkbox"/> Complete	
Course outside CS	Advisor signature for courses outside CS

III. Thesis

There are several milestones, which are meant to give the student feedback as well as to make certain that the process advances, to completing the thesis. Students should actively engage their research committees and make certain that the entire committee is aware of the student's progress.

- Thesis Proposal, within two years of attaining candidacy:** shortly after beginning the research intended to be the subject of his or her thesis the student must present a thesis proposal, a moderately long paper between ten and thirty pages. Four weeks after this proposal has been made available to members of the department, the student will present and defend the proposal at a one-hour talk.

A Thesis Proposal Checklist is available online to help you plan your thesis defense.
http://cs.brown.edu/grad/phd/proposal/Thesis_Proposal_Checklist.pdf

Date of candidacy: _____

- Thesis Defense:** The thesis defense should not be scheduled to be held sooner than 6 months after the thesis proposal nor should it be later than 2 years after the proposal. The student is expected to complete the proposed work, produce a thesis that satisfies the requirements of the registrar and meets the highest standards in terms of content and presentation, and defend the work at an open thesis defense.

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Advisor notes:				
	Date	Student Signature	Advisor Name	Advisor Signature
Review				