

University of Massachusetts – Boston
Department of Chemistry
Graduate Program
Dissertation Committee

Doctoral students are required to choose three members of the chemistry faculty and one faculty member from outside the chemistry department to serve on their Dissertation committee.

The responsibilities of a Dissertation Committee member consist of participating in the oral qualifying exam of the student and in the oral defense of the dissertation. The oral qualifying exam requires the committee member to review a 15-page research proposal written by the doctoral student regarding a series of experiments similar to but not identical to their chosen doctoral research project. Next the committee member must participate in the public presentation and private defense of this research proposal by the graduate student. The oral defense of the dissertation is very similar to the oral qualifying exam, except the document the committee member must review is the final draft of the students' dissertation. The dissertation defense is similar to the oral qualifying exam in that the committee member is expected to be present at the public presentation of the doctoral research and then to participate in the oral defense of this work.

Student Information

Name	Advising Professor
Anticipated semester of oral qualifying exam	Anticipated semester of dissertation defense

Chosen Committee Members

1. _____ Name (please print)	3. _____ Name (please print)
Signature _____ Date _____	Signature _____ Date _____
2. _____ Name (please print)	4. _____ External Committee Member Name and Dept
Signature _____ Date _____	Signature _____ Date _____