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Credits Completed: _____

Proposed Critical Review Topic (for the written part of the comprehensive exam): _____

Proposed Broader Research Area: _____

The focus area of any reputable archival journal (such as IEEE or ACM Transactions) can be proposed as the broader research area.

Semester when the exam will be taken: _____

Research Advisor

 Signature

 Date

**Second Examination
 Committee Member (Proposed)**

 Signature

 Date

PhD Program Director

 Signature

 Date

Student

 Signature

 Date

Notes:

1. All PhD CS students are required to take the comprehensive exam within the first 36 credits in the program (part-time students can't postpone the exam beyond five years). Shorter deadlines may be imposed by the CS department for students transferring from another PhD program or changing their catalog year.
2. If the student has a PhD co-advisor, that faculty should be listed as the second proposed examination committee member.
3. An initial reading list of the research papers selected by the student and his/her advisor must be attached to this form. The reading list, as well as the names of other examination committee members, will be finalized and communicated to the student by the CS department.