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DEFENSE HEARING Requirements

The student must be admitted to candidacy before the defense hearing.

Scheduling

Request a date well in advance from your committee chair and from the departmental student affairs administrator. Mondays are the only days hearings are scheduled, and then only during the regular term.

Procedure

TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE HEARING

1. Submit "**Approval of Dissertation for Oral Defense**" Form (available in H 119) signed by your committee to Haskell 119. (At least 3 signatures are necessary.)
2. **E-mail** a **100-word** (or anything that will fit on one page) **Précis** to am-chien@uchicago.edu. Please also include 4 or 5 **keywords** (e.g., Thailand, Buddhism, goddess, cults, culture change -- in the style of American Ethnologist).
3. Submit **1** copy of your **Dissertation Abstract, Dissertation Table of Contents, and your C.V. (curriculum vitae)** to Haskell 119. (These are **in addition** to those given to your committee.) (The **Abstract** is a 15-20 page document that summarizes the substance of the dissertation.)
4. Submit 1 draft copy of the **Dissertation** to H 119

Preparation

To make the oral examination into an educational opportunity for us all, the Department announces the occasion and makes a copy of the dissertation itself available for student as well as faculty reading. In this way, all who may be interested will be able to discuss it with you. At the Defense Hearing, please be prepared to give an oral presentation of 20-30 minutes that will provide a larger context for appreciating what you have done. The abstract, which is properly a summary of the substance of the dissertation itself, will have been read, so that you will not need to repeat that. What would be most useful would be your telling us about the work that had already been done on the topic of your own research (the nature and definition of the field, the theoretical issues involved, etc.); what your dissertation contributes to anthropological understanding and how it has modified our view of the field of study involved; and what methodological innovations the dissertation offers. You could seek the advice of your dissertation adviser and committee on which points to emphasize. Together with the abstract, your remarks should give the basis for a further open discussion which hopefully will be of value to you, too.

As you are preparing your Defense Draft, obtain instructions in Haskell 119 about deposit of the Dissertation (Dealing with the Dissertation Secretary's Office) and obtaining the DEGREE.