

Proposal Defense

(4th Year)

The PhD Proposal Defense is intended to test student's ability to perform and present and discuss their research. This exam has both a written and an oral component. The Proposal Defense should be completed no later than the semester before graduation, and within four years of admission into the PhD program. Students must obtain their advisor's recommendation with a minimum of 75% of their dissertation completed.

A committee of five members is required: a minimum of 3 CSE full-time graduate faculty and a minimum of one external faculty. This committee must be the same as the Ph.D. Final Defense committee. The chair of the committee cannot be the student's advisor.

The steps to complete your Proposal Defense are as follows:

1. Gather your committee of faculty.
2. Students are responsible for coordinating a time and room for the Proposal Defense to take place with their committee. Once you have decided on both, email computerscience@ucdenver.edu to reserve a room and time! All defenses must be in person or hybrid. All students defending must be in person, even if their defense is hybrid.
3. Complete the *Proposal Request* at least two weeks prior to the date of your Comprehensive Exam. Email it to dalton.hart@ucdenver.edu.
4. Defend.
5. Once your defense is complete, your committee will deliberate and complete the Proposal Report Form. If you pass, you are eligible to give your final defense within the next semester.