The Graduate College requires that each department or unit offering a doctoral program have a formal system of review and evaluation for enrolled students.

The function of the Program Evaluation Committee is: to monitor the progress of doctoral candidates; to verify that their programs comply with general requirements of the Graduate College and the Institute of Communications Research; and to insure that students obtain a broad understanding of the issues, problems, and research that constitute the field.

During the first year in the doctoral program, a student should select an adviser if possible. In consultation with the adviser, the student should devise a tentative program of study, which is to be submitted to the Program Evaluation Committee. The Committee will review the program and either approve it or recommend modifications.

Occasionally, a tentative program of study changes because of, for example, unavailability of courses. Any modifications of a program must be submitted to the Committee for review. The Committee's deliberations are facilitated if the student appends a short statement explaining why the changes are being made.

Students are invited to consult A Handbook for Graduate Students and Advisers available on the Graduate College website, as well as On the Study of Communication published by the Institute of Communications Research.

Authorization of Petition--
Students petitioning for Advancement to Candidacy must have the student's Adviser read and approve the petition. The petition therefore should be signed by the student's Adviser and (if the Adviser chooses) accompanied by comments. This means that a student should have selected and consulted with an Adviser in preparing the petition. However, if the student has not yet selected an Adviser, then the Director of Graduate Studies will fill this role for the petition."

Adviser signature:

Adviser comments [optional]:

Institute of Communications Research
Doctoral Program in Communications
Program Evaluation Committee

Application for Advancement to Candidacy
Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Semester and year in which you began Ph.D. course work: ___________________________

Date if you submitted a Candidacy application previously: ___________________________

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I GRADUATE WORK (IF ANY) BEFORE YOU ENTERED THE PH.D. PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATIONS:

Institution: ___________________________

Dates in attendance: ___________________________

Degree: ___________________________

Major: ___________________________

Minor(s): ___________________________

Title of thesis (if any): ___________________________

II Who have you selected as your advisor? If not, who has been advising you since your admission to the Ph.D. program?

III In a few sentences, indicate the area of your proposed dissertation -- that is, its substance and content, not its title.

IV Please write a statement assessing your background and your reasons for pursuing a Ph.D. in communications. (Continue on a separate sheet, if necessary.)
V PROPOSED PROGRAM OF STUDY

To earn the Ph.D. in communications, you are required to complete (beyond the Bachelor's degree) a minimum of 64 credits of course work. Of these 64 credits of course work, 48 must be in the major field, although all 48 of these need not be courses with a "Communications" number and title. The minor consists of at least 16 credits (or 24 credits if a split minor is involved). Included in the 64 credits must be Communications 571 and 572 (Pro-Seminar I and II), as well as at least 8 credits of research methodology (one quantitative and one qualitative methods course). Your program also should include overview courses, as described on pages 12 and 13 of the Institute's brochure "On the Study of Communication."

If you have done relevant graduate work elsewhere, you may wish to propose that a portion of that course work be accepted for credit toward the 64 credits required for the doctoral degree in communications. There are guidelines that govern whether graduate work taken prior to admission to the doctoral program will be accepted for credit [see below]. In general, no credit will be awarded for a Master's thesis, a course taken on a pass/fail basis, or a professional course. Courses from prior graduate work that you are proposing for credit must be so identified on the subsequent pages as to where they were taken. You should append a copy of the course syllabus as well. Necessarily, any course proposed for credit must be relevant to your present program of study and make a substantive contribution to it. A further rule of thumb is that at least 48 of the 64 credits required for the doctoral degree be taken at the University of Illinois.

In the appropriate sections on the following pages, list the courses (a) completed, (b) in progress, and (c) planned, that you are proposing for your program of study. In listing any Independent Study or Communications 590 courses, be sure to give the specific title of the content, rather than just the generic name.

You must develop your program in consultation with your adviser, who should initial it before you forward it to the Program Evaluation Committee.
What do you consider your major field of interest within the Ph.D. program?

List at least 48 credits that you offer for the major (include Communications 571 and 572).

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Briefly explain how these courses contribute to a body of knowledge appropriate to your major area of inquiry.
What do you consider your minor field(s) of interest within the Ph.D. program?

List at least 16 credits that you offer for the minor.

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Briefly explain how these courses contribute to a body of knowledge appropriate to your minor area(s) of inquiry.
Included in the 64 credits of course work you listed must be at least 8 credits of research methodology; four must be quantitative methods, and another four must be qualitative methods. Indicate below the courses you are proposing to satisfy this requirement. Briefly explain how these methodology courses bear on your proposed dissertation.

Identify the core courses that are part of your program.

Briefly explain why you believe you can successfully carry out the dissertation research with the knowledge of language(s) you now have.