

**Department of Sociology**  
**University of Oklahoma**

**Authorization to Proceed with Master's Thesis Defense**

The MA thesis represents the final and most important component in the academic experiences that culminate in the awarding of the Master's degree.

The Department of Sociology offers a thesis that:

- 1) Is a work of original scholarly research demonstrating an understanding of the subject area and making a contribution to existing knowledge.
- 2) Demonstrates the candidate's mastery of sociological research methods and tools while using acceptable professional standards and ethics.
- 3) Tests a student's ability to address a significant intellectual problem and arrive at a logical conclusion.

The Master's thesis establishes that the student can conduct meaningful sociological research independently.

**This authorization form should be submitted to the graduate liaison no later than 7 days prior to the thesis oral defense date. Please note, however, that the committee will need at least *one week* to read the thesis. This means that you will need to give your committee a complete draft of your thesis no later than 14 days prior to your intended defense date.**

I have read \_\_\_\_\_'s thesis.

Below I indicate whether or not I consider it ready for a defense on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

Ready: \_\_\_\_\_ Not ready: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (chair)

Ready: \_\_\_\_\_ Not ready: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ready: \_\_\_\_\_ Not ready: \_\_\_\_\_  
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