

Becoming ABD and Being Admitted to Candidacy
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1. Pick up the **PhD Candidacy Form** from Marie Ferguson **before your dissertation proposal defense**. Update page 4 with any additional coursework/research credits. Have your committee chair sign on page 2 next to “Chairperson.”
2. Complete the **Dissertation Proposal Approval** form (<http://sociology.rutgers.edu/graduate/forms>). Have your committee members sign at your proposal defense.
3. After your proposal defense, Marie will have the Graduate Director sign page 2, section B of the PhD Candidacy form and make a copy of the form for your file. The Graduate Director will also sign the Dissertation Proposal Approval form, which will be placed in your file.
4. Bring the candidacy form to Barbara Sirman at the Graduate School.
5. You are now ABD.