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DEFENSE COMMITTEE MATRIX FOR Ph.D. STUDENTS

	Member of Candidate's Dissertation Proposal Committee¹	Member of Candidate's TC Academic Department³	Member of GSAS⁴
Approved Sponsor	X	X ²	X
Chair		Can be from candidate's department.	X
Dissertation Member	X		
Examiner 1		Can be from candidate's department but <u>not</u> from candidate's program	
Examiner 2		Must be from <u>outside</u> Teachers College ⁵	

X = Must meet the criteria

NOTES:

1. The "Approved Sponsor" and "Dissertation Member" are both identified during the dissertation proposal process. Faculty who serve in those roles continue through the oral defense of the dissertation.
2. Typically the "Approved Sponsor" is a Teachers College faculty member whose primary appointment is in the candidate's academic department. Under unusual circumstances, a candidate may petition an exception to this requirement. The petition needs the review and approval of the Chair of the candidate's academic department and, with the chair's approval, the TC Committee on the PhD.
3. At least 2 committee members must be from the candidate's department.
4. At least 3 members, including the Sponsor and Chair, must be GSAS approved faculty. Link to GSAS Approved Faculty: <http://gsas.columbia.edu/dissertation-sponsors>.
5. The "Examiner 2" member of the oral defense committee must be a faculty member from outside TC (e.g., Columbia, Barnard, NYU, etc.).