

KFSCIS PhD Dissertation Proposal Defense Attendance Policy

At the faculty meeting on Friday, January 24, 2025, the following policy was moved and adopted by the faculty of KFSCIS by unanimous vote:

For doctoral dissertation proposal defenses, KFSCIS requires that the major professor(s) and candidate attend in person. Exceptions may be granted by the graduate program director for good reason.

The intention of this policy is to increase the quality of proposal defenses, promote engagement with the dissertation committee, and provide students with more opportunities to practice their in-person presentation skills, which are critical for success as PhDs. Note that this policy imposes the same restrictions on the proposal defense as UGS currently imposes on the dissertation defense.