Graduate Student Advising—**Pre-Qualifying Exam Students**

Please take this form with you when you visit your advisor in advance of Telebears. You may want to take along a copy of your program card and the report on your second-year review (see Sandy) to the meeting. After you've talked and both signed the form, please turn it in to Graduate Office, 4117 Dwinelle Hall, to receive your Advisor Code.

Student's name: __________________________________________

Student's signature: _______________________________________

Faculty signature: _________________________________________

Date of meeting: __________________________________________

**Important topics:**

Are you carrying out the recommendations made to you during your second-year review or at your MA oral?

Are you meeting the course requirements (see below) in good time?

Are you completing the language requirements (including the classical language) in good time? Grad Division requires that competence in one foreign language be demonstrated by a translation exam.

Are you developing ideas for the statement of purpose for the PhD Qualifying Exam, and developing a reading list for those exams as well?

Will you be ready to take the exams during the fourth year at Berkeley?

How are you doing on the historical coverage requirement? (See the graduate program handbook for more details.)

The department’s course requirements are:

**4 Comp Lit seminars** (including either 200 or 202). Substitutions for these 4 seminars are **strongly discouraged** and will not often be approved by the Vice Chair. In any case only one of the seminars can be substituted—-with an independent study, with a comparative course by a Comp Lit professor offered in another department , with a suitable seminar from another department—and only with prior approval.

**4 seminars in the major literature.** An occasional undergraduate course—with the prior agreement of the instructor —or independent study will be approved, but only in lieu of one of the four required seminars.

**1 seminar in each of the minor literatures.** An occasional undergraduate course will be approved—-with the prior agreement of the instructor. Independent studies are **not** likely to be approved.

These are the **minimal** requirements.