

**Department of Biological Sciences**  
**Kent State University**  
*Master's Thesis Defense Approval*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Thesis Advisor in charge of the graduate work of \_\_\_\_\_  
has reviewed their thesis and recommends that **the thesis move forward to the Oral Defense.**

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The Thesis Committee has agreed to an Oral Defense to be held as follows.

**Date & Time of Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Thesis:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis Title:**

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The Biological Sciences Graduate Program requires each MS student to present their research in a Seminar that should be a 20-25 minute talk, allowing time at the end for questions.

☐ **Seminar will be completed as part of student's defense**

☐ **Seminar was completed:**

☐ As part of the Weekly Seminar

☐ As an Independent Seminar

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**In order for the Advisor to ensure the student's thesis can move to the defense, please complete this checklist.**

☐ The student has met the Thesis Defense Timeline according to [University Policy](#) giving a minimum 10-day reading period to the Thesis Committee prior to the Oral defense.

☐ The Thesis style used by the student is correct (traditional or manuscript - selecting one or the other, not a hybrid).

☐ The Thesis formatting requirements have been followed according to the [A&S Style Guide](#).

☐ It is determined that the Thesis is defensible.

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**Advisor's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed form to Biological Sciences Graduate Office.