

**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE
FOURTH YEAR ORAL PRESENTATION**

REQUIREMENT

Fourth-year students are required to give a 45-minute oral presentation to their Ph.D. reading committees. Generally no other people besides the student, advisor and reading committee members are present at the oral presentation.

All students must complete this requirement in the fourth year of study. Experience has proven this is an extremely reliable tool to help students stay on track to degree completion.

The purpose of the requirement is to increase contact between students and faculty members, to help students organize their thoughts, to give students practice in giving oral presentations, and most importantly to obtain feedback on the development of the thesis, approximate date of thesis completion and future plans.

These are informal meetings, and no grades are given. Students schedule the presentations themselves. By end of winter quarter of the fourth-year students should have a set date for the oral presentation.

The sessions should consist of a half-hour presentation by the student, 15 minutes of discussion between the student, research advisors and readers, and then a closed door discussion of the committee.

Please complete the form below, have your advisor sign, and return to the student services officer when the presentation is completed. This form must be submitted by the end of spring quarter of your fourth year.

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE THE 4TH-YEAR ORAL FORM ON TIME:

Registration for the following quarter will be put on hold until requirement is met.

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Advisor Name _____ Advisor Signature _____

Co-Advisor Name _____ Co-Advisor Signature _____

Co-Advisor is required if principal dissertation advisor is faculty outside of Physics/Applied Physics/SLAC:

First Reader Name _____

Second Reader Name _____

Comments: