California State University
SAN MARCOS

Advancement to Candidacy Form
MATHEMATICS

Student Name _____ ID Number _____

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS
(choose one option)

☐ **Thesis Option**

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Student initial and date

To be Advanced to Candidacy, a student must have:

1. Completed at least 15 units of non-thesis coursework toward the degree,
2. At least a 3.2 grade point average in the degree,
3. Fulfilled all conditional admission requirements, and
4. Submitted a study plan that consists of a list of classes completed, in progress, and to be taken towards the degree.

Before applying for advancement, students pursuing the thesis option must also have:

5. An approved thesis advisor and thesis committee, and
6. Given an oral presentation proposing a thesis topic.

Applications for advancement to candidacy under thesis option are due by the end of the fifteenth week of the semester preceding the semester in which the thesis defense takes place (but students may apply earlier).

☐ **Comprehensive Exam Option**

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Student initial and date

To be Advanced to Candidacy, a student must have:

1. Completed at least 18 units toward the degree,
2. At least a 3.0 grade point average in the degree,
3. Fulfilled all conditional admission requirements, and
4. Submitted a study plan that consists of
   a. a list of classes completed, in progress, and to be taken towards the degree,
   b. a list of three or more classes from the study plan that the student prefers to be tested on, and
   c. a list of up to three classes from the study plan that the student prefers not to be tested on.

Applications for advancement to candidacy under exam option are due by the end of the eleventh week of the semester preceding the semester in which the student takes the comprehensive exam.

Once a student has Advanced to Candidacy under either Exam or Thesis Option, the student may not switch to the other option.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

	Print	*Sign*	*Date*
Graduate Coordinator:			
Committee Chair/ Advisor:			
Committee Member:			
Committee Member:			

Copies: (1) Graduate Coordinator (2) Student (3) Committee Members