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**Forms prepared for your defense:** Your department's graduate coordinator designee (or Graduate Secretary) creates the three forms below, from the Graduate Information Management System (GIMS) database. All forms are typically signed at the defense. **The ETD Signature Page (fully signed) is requested with your first submission; however, your committee may elect to hold this form until all provisos have been addressed, but no later than the final clearance deadline for our office.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **ETD Signature Page (Submit this paper form to the Editorial Office):** Your supervisory committee signs at your defense. If your committee wants revisions made to the thesis, your chair (or designee) may hold this form until all stipulations are met. The College Dean's signature is required in all colleges *except* Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS), Business Administration, Education, and Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). The Dean of the Graduate School does not sign.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Final Exam Form:** Your supervisory committee signs. Your graduate coordinator designee submits a confirmation of successful completion of this form *electronically* through GIMS once you have successfully defended your thesis. You must ensure this has been posted to GIMS prior to submitting your thesis for review.
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**Items required before submission to the Editorial Office:** These electronic forms should be on file before you attempt to submit your thesis for review.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ **Final Exam date appears in the Graduate Information Management System (GIMS):** Your Graduate Secretary will post electronically after your successful defense.

**Paper items required for submission to the Editorial Office:** Promptly after your defense, and no later than the first submission deadline date, these items should be submitted to Room 224 of the Hub. There, you will find a sign-in/drop-off kiosk for your convenience. Submit items together in an expanding wallet-styled folder. Place a label in the upper left-hand corner, of the folder, with your name (last name first) and UF ID number on the label.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Thesis**, printed one-sided on plain paper, no need for color  
*This must be completely formatted in order to pass first submission requirements—troubleshoot your document first with the Application Support Center to ensure you are not rejected.*
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