

**WPI DATA SCIENCE  
FINAL Ph.D. DISSERTATION DEFENSE**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WPI ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dissertation Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location, Date and Time of Defense Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_  
*This WPI Data Science student defended his/her dissertation before the Data Science Program.*

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

- ✓ The Research Advisor must be faculty within the Data Science Steering Committee, or upon approval by said Committee, a WPI Tenure Track faculty affiliated with the Data Science Program.
- ✓ The Dissertation Committee must consist of *at least four faculty members*.
- ✓ At least two different WPI departments participating in the Data Science Program, Mathematical Sciences, Computer Science and/or the Robert A. Foisie School of Business, must be represented in the Committee.
- ✓ *At least one Committee Member* must be from outside of WPI.

**PROCESS**

1. Student submits dissertation manuscript to Committee at least 4 weeks before final defense, unless otherwise requested by Committee. 2. Public defense publically announced at least 2 weeks in advance. 3. Student defends completed dissertation research in a public presentation. 4. Student is subsequently examined privately by dissertation Committee. 5. The Committee announces the joint decision.

**OUTCOME**

The members of the Ph.D. Committee evaluating this Dissertation Defense reached the following decision:

- ACCEPT
- ACCEPT - with minor revisions. Successful completion of revision will be signed off by advisor.
- REPEAT - required to do further work. After completion, candidate redefends to Ph.D. Committee.
- REJECT - student is dismissed from Ph.D. Degree Program.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Comments on Dissertation Outcome and/or Further Work Requirements.

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*Faculty Advisors: Please attach additional comments on a sheet of paper and attach to this form.*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS' NAME , AFFILIATION & SIGNATURE CONFIRMING ABOVE DECISION**

Ph.D. Research Advisor Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ph.D. Research Advisor Printed Name and Affiliation:* \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Committee Member Printed Name and Affiliation:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMENTS and SIGNATURE CONFIRMING COMPLETION of RECOMMENDATIONS**

Advisors' Comments, Date, and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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