



The 5<sup>th</sup> year and beyond committee meeting was designed to give the student, his/her mentor, and the other PhD committee members an opportunity to define a mutually agreeable exit strategy for the student. Of course, every situation is unique, and so "exit strategy" can and will encompass many different possibilities. Nevertheless, the act of openly discussing these possibilities in the PhD committee forum hopefully will bring all parties together on an agreed upon pathway with a defined timeline for the student to defend his/her PhD.

*Students:* Please plan on a *brief* presentation describing your accomplishments to date, and follow that information with a discussion of your specific research plans for the remainder of your PhD studies. You should plan on holding the entire meeting in under one hour.

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### STUDENT INFORMATION

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Name

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Entering Class: Semester/Year

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Preceptor

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Committee Meeting Date

At the end of the meeting, the discussion between all interested parties should lead to a plan moving forward that is comfortable to all. After this point is reached, please briefly describe this plan in the space below.

Plan Description:

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Target Month/Year for Final Defense



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