

## 2nd Year/MA Paper Approval Form

To: Director of Graduate Studies, Wilf Family Department of Politics

Please be informed that \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully passed his/her  
**MA Paper** requirement.

MA Paper Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MA Paper Supervisor: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MA Paper Reader: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Note the relevant Department Rules, as listed in the Bulletin:**

Students are expected to take three subfield core courses in their 1st year. The final project in such a course will (typically) be an extensive paper proposal, with the faculty teaching the course giving feedback on the suitability of the proposal for 2nd-year papers (on a generally agreed-upon scale). Students will be expected to use the summer following the 1st year to write a paper on the most promising of these proposals. The standard for the resulting papers is a high-quality course paper. The papers would be due on the 3rd Monday of September of the 2nd Year and would be graded on the high pass/low pass/fail scale by a common committee of the faculty, drawn from each subfield. Note that the faculty will not serve as advisors on this project. If the paper receives a low pass, the student may revise and resubmit no later than the 2nd Monday following Winter Recess of 2nd year. If the final grade for the paper is a low pass, the student must leave the program. Satisfactory 2nd Year paper and record of grades are required to advance toward the Ph.D.