As part of the requirements for advancement of candidacy in the Department of City and Regional Planning, doctoral students must complete an Outside Field under the supervision of an Outside Field advisor. The Outside Field is a set of courses and assignments meant to build expertise in an area of study related to city and regional planning. Such a specialization can be a discipline relevant to planning (e.g. Geography, Anthropology, Public Health, Economics, Sociology) or it can be a unique field defined by the student in consultation with the Outside Field advisor. Note that the intent of the Outside Field is not to make a theoretical contribution to the field but instead to demonstrate mastery of existing paradigms and debates. Students must successfully complete the Outside Field requirement before proceeding to the oral qualifying examination and the Outside Field is one of the three areas of examination of the oral qualifying examination.

The content of the Outside field is determined by the Outside Field advisor and usually includes a sequence of two or three courses supplemented by additional reading list and writing assignments. These specific requirements must be listed by the Outside Field advisor on this form, which is filed with DCRP’s Students Affairs Office and which serves as a declaration of the Outside Field. On successful completion of the Outside Field, the advisor signs a second form, which is also filed with the Student Affairs Office.

STUDENT NAME: ____________________________ DCRP FACULTY ADVISOR ______________________

TITLE OF OUTSIDE FIELD: ________________________________________________________________

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PLEASE LIST THE WORK REQUIRED (COURSES, READINGS, PAPERS, ETC.) TO FUFILL THE OUTSIDE FIELD:

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TENTATIVE DATE FOR COMPLETION: __________________________________________________________

THIS ARRANGEMENT IS AGREED TO BY:

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Outside Field Advisor (print)               Outside Field Advisor (signature)

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Department                                 Date

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Signature of DCRP Doctoral Student            Date

Please note: The original copy of this form must be returned to the DCRP Graduate Student Affairs Office. If the agreement is renegotiated, a new form must be submitted.