

# ABD Update Form

The School of Graduate Studies is serious about time to degree. The SGS expects all Ph.D. students to complete their respective degree in seven years and no longer than 10 years. Our 3-6-9 Plan emerged to address time to degree in our department with critical deadlines in years 3, 6, and a final year 9. At Year 7, the SGS requires each student to fill out an Extension of Time form to explain the progress in completing your degree. The Extension of Time form must be signed by your advisor and the GPD. The SGS will expect significant progress between the years or they may not approve the extension and present a final deadline.

To assure each student is making reasonable progress on their dissertation, the sociology graduate program requires a yearly update from each of our ABDs. This will provide another opportunity for student, their advisor, and the graduate program to assess progress and address issues or concerns as required. The ABD Update will become a yearly part of the student evaluation process and will occur each spring semester.

Name

Class of

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**Please describe your  
progress to date:**

**Expected dissertation  
defense date:**

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*Print Name and Sign*

**Student**

**Advisor**

**Date**

**GPD Signature**

**Date**

**Comments**