This abstract is a step-along-the-way to the dissertation prospectus. The abstract will briefly address the topic of interest, a preliminary problem statement and anticipated mode of inquiry. Students are encouraged to submit in-progress drafts of the abstract, to their faculty advisor for comment. Students intending to take their comprehensive examinations in Spring term of their second year in the PhD program are required to submit a 1-page (350 words maximum, excluding title and references) abstract of the prospectus by Monday of week 10 of the Fall term of their second year to their advisor for approval. The actual abstract may be printed and attached to this cover page.

☐ Abstract Approved          ☐ Modify Approach          ☐ Revise Abstract

____________________________________  ______________________________________
Student Signature                Date

____________________________________  ______________________________________
Advisor Signature                Date

The faculty advisor will send a memo to the student and to the PhD director within one week with their recommendation.