

Qualifier

This will be an oral (or written and oral) examination given by the Ph.D. committee when the student is completing his/her course work. The exam is designed to evaluate a student's potential to develop and conduct interdisciplinary research. Questions generated by the student's committee should test general knowledge in subjects and disciplines pertinent to the student's area of interest, as specified in section B (Program Focus and Objectives) and D (Dissertation Plan) of the course work proposal form. It is not intended to focus on the details of a specific research proposal. There must be a minimum of 3 months between the qualifying examination and the preliminary examination. A memorandum from the student's program committee indicating that the Ph.D. candidate has successfully completed the qualifying exam should be sent to our Academic Programs Office.