

Comprehensive Examination Pre-Approval Form

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Please submit completed form to the dean for approval at least 2 weeks prior to scheduled exam date

The Graduate Program Director is responsible for oversight of the graduate program's Comprehensive Examinations. The Comprehensive Examination Committee or student's Advisory Committee will work with the student's Major Advisor to create the student's Comprehensive Exam. This completed form along with the exam must be submitted through the examination committee chair and the Department Chair to TGS for approval prior to the exam. After approval by the TGS dean or designee, the information regarding the administration and grading of the exam must be provided in writing to the student by the chair of the Comprehensive Examination Committee (Graduate Program Director - or designee approved by dean) before the examination is administered.

For more details see Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Standard Policy

NAME of person completing /submitting this form:

DATE of form submission:

General Information			
Student's Name			
Student's ID#			
Student's AU Matriculation Date	Semester:	Year:	= first semester student enrolled in PhD program
Graduate Program			
Graduate Program Director			
Advisor's Name			
Examination Committee Chair		= program director or dean appro	oved designee
Committee Members			

Administration of the Examination	
PART I Written Exam - 4 hours	PART II Oral Exam - 2 hours
	(or biostatistics ONLY – written part 2 = 4 hours)
Date:	Date:
Time of Exam: Start Conclude	Time of Exam: Start Conclude
Location of Exam:	Location of Exam:
Name of Exam Proctor:	Name of Exam Proctor (biostats only):

Grading Format

Grading Scale: A - F (A=5 points, B=4 points, C=3 points, D=2 points, and F=1 point)

WRITTEN EXAM: Essay Exam – No multiple choice questions. Each written exam question will be given a grade A-F. Grades will be converted to numerical value and averaged for final score. If multiple faculty members grade questions, the average score for each question will be used for the overall average score. A 3.5 is required for passing.

ORAL EXAM: Each faculty member will provide a score of A-F either based on answers to their questions or overall (programs decide – and document for standard practice). Programs can decide if there will be a discussion among faculty prior to score submission. Faculty submit scores anonymously to the Exam Committee Chair. Chair will convert scores to numerical value and average for final score. An average score of 3.5 is required for passing. No further discussion to adjust or change scores is permitted once scores have been submitted to the Chair.

Provide Additional Instructions or Information

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WRITTEN EXAM ONLY: (Biostatistics only) 0-100 scale with a minimum passing score of 75
The written exam or Part I score will be reported to the student and TGS no later than (M/D/YYYY)
The oral exam or Part II score will be reported to the student and TGS no later than (M/D/YYYY)
The final score will be reported to the student and TGS no later than (M/D/YYYY)
Exam Questions – NOT to be provided to the student prior to exam
Please ATTACH exam questions.
NOTE: The AU Honor Code is to be in effect for the exams