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# **Preliminary Doctoral Comprehensive Exam**







## Ph D Qualifying Paper

### Nature Committee Composition Length and Format

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## Dissertation Proposal Guidelines

### Nature and Committee Composition

A dissertation is a piece of research, and so a dissertation proposal is the statement of a plan for a piece of research.

The defense is oral, with a board of three members composed of the future supervisor of the dissertation, another faculty member from the department, and a third reader who may be external to the department. All must be tenured or tenure-track faculty members. The composition of the committee should be det

An indication of why the question or problem needs the concentrated attention that goes into a dissertation. This answers the questions "What's so difficult about that?" and "Isn't the answer obvious?"

An account of the state of discussion and literature on the question or problem to date, telling how much or how little has been said or written on the question or problem, sketching the main positions that have been taken, outlining the grounds on which these positions are based, and indicating why and how it is appropriate to contribute something further (the dissertation) to the discussion and the literature. This answers the question "Hasn't that been done already?" and addresses the possible reaction "Oh, No, not another dissertation on..."

questions and answers, between data and interpretations of data, between data and assumptions. The above suggestions are, of course, no substitute for the most important activity in the formulation of a dissertation proposal: discussion with one's supervisor.

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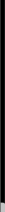
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**ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DOCTORAL STUDENTS' PROGRESS**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 20\_\_-20\_\_**

**To be returned by May 1, 20\_\_**

**NAME:**

**YEAR YOU ENTERED THE PROGRAM:**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDED YEARS:**

**I. – COURSES** *If you have not yet completed the coursework requirements, please list the courses you have taken, from your first year in the program to this year, following the model given below; when you have satisfied the logic and the languages requirement, please also report it. If you are all done and have passed the doctoral comps, no need to report anything, delete the example and just write "Comps passed in ...".*

**II. – RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

*1. Progress toward doctoral comps, or dissertation progress*

*2. Participation to conferences or workshops, talks, papers published or submitted for publication, etc. (please be specific):*

**III. – DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY** *Attendance at lectures in the department, help with organizing conferences, service to the graduate students association, and all the ways in which you contributed to the life of the department*

**IV. – EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** *Anythin that has contributed to your education and professional training*

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**Graduate Program Language Requirement Form**

**Name:**

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Please select one of the following options to document your required language proficiency. A transcript is required for options 1 or 2. Please send this form to the Graduate Program Assistant

1. **College level language course completed.** Satisfied by receiving a grade of B or higher in 2 semesters of a language class at the beginner level or one semester at the intermediate level.

Language course(s) and level

2. **Native language other than English proficiency** (approval contingent upon documentation that the student has formally studied in this language at high school level or higher).

Language studied

3. **Department administered language exam or CEFR**











**DOCTORAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION REPORT**

Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PhD DISSERTATION DEFENSE PREPARATION (Form A)

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# PhD DISSERTATION DEFENSE PREPARATION (Form B)

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