

General Information

Student Name: _____ ID#: _____
Concentration: _____

Comprehensive Examination Committee

Chair: _____ Member: _____

Member: _____ Member: _____

The Comprehensive Examination committee must consist of three psychology faculty members who grade the exam. It is recommended that the committee include two Psychology faculty members from within the student's concentration and one from the student's chosen emphasis, if applicable. Students must notify the Program Coordinator if there are any changes to the committee prior to defending the comps.

Does the committee meet the requirements set forth by the Department? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Type of Examination

Option A*, Position Statements _____

Option B, Scholarly Review Paper _____

Student: Attach a copy of the your outline for your review paper.

Chair: Comprehensive Examination due date (in 5 months): _____

*Option A is only available for students admitted prior to 2019.

Comprehensive Examination proposal approved? Yes No (if no, please comment below)

Comments/Changes

Signature of Committee Chair

Date

Signature of Department Chair

Date

The Comprehensive Examination

As required by the University, all doctoral students must pass a comprehensive examination. There are several steps students must complete prior to taking the comprehensive examination. All students will write a review paper in their area and should check with their area head regarding specific details required by their area, i.e., empirical/systematic review and/or conceptual/theoretical review.

Qualifications to Take the Comprehensive Examination

Upon completion of the thesis, and 12 credit hours of coursework in residence for those students transferring a thesis and/or coursework in, a student may request to initiate the comprehensive examination process. In order to qualify to take the comprehensive exam, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the time of the exam. The department requires students to form a comprehensive exam committee and hold a proposal meeting prior to taking the exam.

Comprehensive Exam Committee

In consultation with their Faculty Mentor, students will select a comprehensive exam committee. The committee must consist of three psychology faculty members who will grade the exam. It is recommended that the committee include two psychology faculty members from within the student's concentration and one from the student's chosen emphasis, if applicable. Once selected, the student will schedule the Comprehensive Exam Proposal Meeting.

Comprehensive Examination Proposal

An initial meeting with the Comprehensive Examination Committee is convened by the student and starts the timeline for completion of the examination. The purpose of the meeting, and the procedures followed subsequently, vary slightly, based on which concentration the student is in.

Comprehensive Examination Defense

After successfully proposing their comprehensive examination, students have 5-months to complete the review. Once the review has been completed and submitted to the committee, and in consultation with their committee, the student will schedule the oral defense. Students must announce their oral defense to Graduate Studies at least two weeks prior to the defense date. Once the oral defense is complete, the committee has two weeks to formally inform the student, and Graduate Studies, of the official results--although this typically happens much sooner.