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## **GUIDELINE FOR PH.D. QUALIFYING EXAM**

The purpose of the Doctoral Qualifying Exam is to evaluate the student's ability to apply and synthesize the skills and knowledge acquired during graduate study. The exam is an important benchmark in a doctoral student's progress towards candidacy. The Qualifying Exam is required for all doctoral students (Plan A and Plan B). The student will have two (2) attempts at passing the qualifying exam. If the student fails both attempts they will be dismissed from their program.

### **Eligibility for the examinee**

- The student must have a proposal with the area of dissertation program.
- The student must have approved at least three advisory committee members by the authority.
- The student must fulfill all the required courses if necessary.

### **Guidelines for the examiner**

The content of the qualifying examination will be based on the knowledge of the working discipline and the area of dissertation program. All the members of the advisory committee will give examination to the candidate. If the candidate is unable to get 60% marks, the candidate has to register some of the postgraduate course(s) as recommended by the advisory committee to acquire knowledge and skills in the related discipline. The major supervisor has to coordinate with advisory committee members for questions collection and make sure the availability of time for the exam. At least one of the supervisory committee members preferably the major has to be present on exam day.

### **Verification of Qualifying Exam Results**

Once the student has completed the Doctoral Qualifying Exam, the student's Major supervisor will alert the student of the examination results within 3 weeks after the date of exam was taken. The student's Major supervisor will complete the Verification of Qualifying Exam Results Form which states whether the student passed or failed the exam. The major supervisor may recommend the relevant courses in the evaluation form in consultation with the entire supervisory committee. Once signed, the major supervisor will submit the Verification of Qualifying Exam Results form to the academic section within 3 weeks after the date of exam was taken.

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