

APPENDIX 1: COMPREHENSIVE EXAM FORMATS AND PREREQUISITES

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Field	Structure	Committee	Prerequisites
American Politics	<p>8 hour open book and note exam</p> <p>Oral examination at discretion of examination committee</p> <p>3 questions (no choice). One question will address issues of democracy, participation, and citizenship; a second will address governance and institutions; a third will reflect a special sub-field topic tailored to the student's area of interest.</p>	<p>Students intending to take this examination must consult with, at a minimum, the field clerk and with each senior member of the American politics field at least 6 weeks prior to the examination date. Consultations with all faculty in the field are strongly recommended.</p> <p>The comp committee will be a committee of three convened by the field clerk</p>	<p><u>Courses</u> Completion of a 2-semester proseminar sequence (one on Institutions and the other on Political Behavior)</p> <p>Introduction to Quantitative Methods plus one additional methods course with the approval of the field clerk. Depending on the student's research interests, methods classes in other departments may be acceptable, with the American Politics field clerk's approval. Students should confer with the American Politics faculty, especially the field clerk, about the kinds of classes that would be appropriate given their research interests.</p> <p><u>Other</u> Recommended reading list</p>
Comparative Politics	<p>36 hour take-home with oral</p> <p>3 questions (on non-overlapping topics selected by the student in consultation with a faculty committee)</p>	3 faculty	<p><u>Courses</u> Proseminar</p> <p>Any one of the following: Introduction to Quantitative methods, Qualitative Methods, Interpretation</p>
Contemporary Social and Political Theory	<p>1 semester</p> <p>"Publishable" research paper of 35 pages with public oral defense</p>	2 faculty from any field	<p><u>Courses</u> Interpretation</p> <p><u>Other</u> Paper abstract and bibliography approved by student-selected committee</p>
History of Political Thought	<p>1 week take-home with oral</p> <p>2 questions (one on a single author; one on an author of the student's choice in comparison to author[s] of the committee's choice)</p>	Minimum 3 faculty	<p><u>Courses</u> Interpretation</p> <p>Courses in the history of political theory</p> <p><u>Other</u> Recommended reading list</p>
International Relations	72 hour take-home with oral	Minimum 2 faculty	<p><u>Courses</u> Proseminar</p> <p>Any one of the following: Introduction to Quantitative methods, Qualitative Methods, Interpretation</p> <p><u>Other</u> Recommended reading list</p>

<p>Intradisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Studies</p>	<p>1 semester</p> <p>Publishable research paper of 35 pages with public oral defense that draws on the literatures of 2 different fields</p>	<p>Minimum 2 faculty from 2 different fields</p>	<p><u>Courses</u> Any one of the following: Introduction to Quantitative methods, Qualitative Methods, Interpretation</p> <p><u>Other</u> Paper abstract and bibliography approved by student-selected committee</p>
<p>Public Law</p>	<p>3 or 7 day take-home with oral</p> <p>3 questions (one from each of 3 areas: Legal Process, Judging, and Constitutional Law)</p>	<p>Minimum 2 faculty</p>	<p><u>Courses</u> Courses in public law</p>
<p>Public Policy</p>	<p>Eight hour open book, open note exam</p> <p>2 questions (one general public policy literature, one in the area of the student's specialization)</p>	<p>Minimum 3 faculty</p>	<p><u>Courses</u> Public Policy courses</p> <p>Any two of the following: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis, Qualitative Methods, Interpretation. Students with prior training can waive one or both of these introductory courses and substitute advanced courses with the approval of the Public Policy field clerk. The two methods courses do not need to be completed prior to taking the comprehensive exam, but they must be completed prior to the dissertation prospectus defense.</p> <p><u>Other</u> Consultation with public policy faculty on reading list</p>