

Readers of examinations:

Ph.D. Field Examination Policy

Examination Areas:

1. Beginning in the third semester (or in fourth semester for Ph.D. students who started their program after Spring, 2002) of coursework each student, in consultation with the Graduate Director, works with chosen professors to define three field exams, draw up reading lists, and pursue the topics chosen. These professors will be the Field Examiners for the student's field exams. With poetry an obvious exception, reading lists normally have some 35-45 titles, and include primary and secondary material.
2. All three exams are normally administered in the second and third years of study.
3. While areas acceptable as fields of study are not predefined, they must be approved by the Graduate Director.