

# PhD Exams – Steps & Timing

**YR 1:**

Qualifying Exams

MS in UA-  
HAS

Qual. Exam can be waived  
(*see handout for more info.*)

MS with non-  
UA-HAS  
degree

***Due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> (Fall start); Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> (Winter start)***

Written Exam:  
Grad. Fellowship Research-Style Application

***Last 2 weeks in February***

Oral Exam:  
Q&A with 4 faculty about grad. Fellowship proposal

**YR 2 or 3:**

Comprehensive Exams

***To be completed as soon as all non-dissertation credits and PhD minor requirements are completed.***

Core Courses: Must earn  $\geq 2$  A's & 2 B's in core courses required by PhD program

Written Exam: Manuscript or NSF-style Research Proposal

Oral Exam: Presentation of student's manuscript or research proposal, followed by Q&A. 2 hours max.

# PhD Comprehensive Exam – Steps & Timing

MS in UA-  
HAS

MS with non-UA-HAS  
degree

Qual. Exam can  
be waived

(1) Written Exam:

(2) Oral Exam: