

The most recent, developed, version of the PhD dissertation proposal. This will normally be about 15 to 20 pages (3750 to 5000 words) long.

A proposed research timeline with projected milestones.

A polished draft of a portion of the dissertation argument. It should be at least 25 pages (6250 words) long.

- b. Review the complete [PhD Candidacy Examination Guidelines](#).
 - c. meet with your supervisory committee no later than the end of your fifth semester of registration to determine:
 - if you are prepared to hold the examination.
 - possible dates when you and your entire supervisory committee are available. Schedule three hours for conducting the examination (e.g., 9:00am -12:00pm or 1:00pm- 4:00pm) . Ensure that everyone blocks those possible dates and times.
 - a list of three External Examiner nominees . Do not contact the nominees prior to the examination . Please note that there are no program funds to cover travel costs of off-campus External Examiners.
2. **Allowing a minimum of six weeks**, fill in the [PhD Candidacy Exam External Examiner Nomination form](#) and submit it to the Graduate Admissions Office on the Graduate Assistant Web site to all participating parties.
6. **On the day of the examination**, go to the examination

