



Purpose of the Candidacy Examination :

The candidacy examination is designed to fulfil the following purposes:

1. To ensure that the:
 - a) student's dissertation proposal is well conceived and likely to be feasible;
 - b) student has developed a robust sense of the general structure and approach of the dissertation;
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Timing of the Examination:

The candidacy examination should normally occur one year into the student's program, following completion of the coursework component.

The student should raise the question of the candidacy examination with their supervisor and with the director of the graduate program approximately eight months into the candidacy, to determine the appropriate timing for the examination and to propose members of the candidacy examination committee.

Composition of the Examining

representative, the chair will determine who should go first, taking into account the preferences of those two individuals and any issues of protocol.

4. The members of the examination committee who are also members of the supervisory committee then engage the student in turn in questions about the project, the documents previously circulated, and the studentP7-1.229 T2w uth

appropriate standard is whether the material forms a sufficient foundation for the student to begin their dissertation research in earnest, or whether serious problems are evident.

- Not Acceptable

This grade is used when the candidacy suffers from significant weaknesses that, in the opinion of the majority of the committee, must be corrected before the student can be given approval to continue in the program.

For a candidacy examination to be judged "Acceptable," the external member must agree to that grade.

In the case of a grade of "Not Acceptable" the committee must provide brief reasons on the form provided. The student may have one further opportunity to undergo a candidacy examination. If the student wishes to take this opportunity, he/she must notify the director of the graduate program in writing (received not later than one month after the date of the first candidacy examination) of his/her intention to do so. The director will then set a date for the second examination in consultation with the student and with his/her supervisory committee. This date must not be later than one year following the first examination. The student may submit (and indeed is advised to submit) fresh written material for the second examination. The procedure applicable to the establishment and conduct of the second examination is the same as for a first examination. The composition of the second examination commi