

Eastern European History
Ph.D. Qualifying Examination Requirements

1. Expectations for students taking the oral exam in the major field

For students focusing their studies with a major in eastern European history, the examination shall consist of list of around 100 titles (monographs and edited volumes) that demonstrates: geographic distribution across the region, from Greece to the Baltics (not all countries need to be represented); temporal reach from the 18th to the 21st centuries; and thematic breadth across major themes in the scholarship. The list will be initiated by the student in consultation with their advising team and will need to be approved by that team in advance of the examination.

STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BEGIN PREPARING THESE LISTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, IN ANY CASE NOT LATER THAN SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE EXAMINATION.

The examination committee will comprise of the student's adviser and at least one other member of the eastern European field, to be agreed upon by student and the advising team of 3 faculty members. It is the student's responsibility to contact the faculty and keep them abreast of progress on preparation for the exam, from the compilation of the bibliography to the questions to be asked and the scheduling of the examination.

2. Expectations for students taking the oral exam in the minor field

For students focusing their studies with a minor in eastern European history, the examination shall consist of list of around 50 titles (monographs and edited volumes) that demonstrates: geographic distribution across the region, from Greece to the Baltics (not all countries would ordinarily be represented); temporal reach from the 18th to the 21st centuries; and thematic breadth across major themes in the scholarship. The list will be initiated by the student in consultation with a faculty member of their advising team who has expertise in this area and will need to be approved by that faculty member in advance of the examination.

3. Guidelines for the prospectus

The dissertation prospectus shall consist of a 4,000-5,000 word historiographical and methodological essay on the proposed dissertation topic, a preliminary table of contents for the dissertation, and a preliminary bibliography, separated into primary and secondary sources. The section on primary sources should include a list of archives and, if possible, specific archival collections that the student intends to use.

This package of documents will form the basis of the second stage of the qualifying exam: the defense of the dissertation proposal.