

# Preliminary Examination and Final Defense

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## 10.1. Preliminary Examination

A preliminary examination consists of a written portion and an oral portion. Passing the preliminary examination allows the student to be formally admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree.

- The Plan of Study must be approved at least 30 calendar days prior to scheduling the oral portion.
- A student may not attempt the final defense in the same semester in which they complete the preliminary examination.