

Preliminary Examination and Final Defense

10.6. Exam Outcomes

The student must pass each examination as part of earning the degree.

- A negative vote by two or more members of the student's committee will signify failure of the examination.
- The student may repeat the examination only upon permission from a majority of the supervisory committee.
- The committee will set a date at least one month after the failed examination and a new Notification of Scheduled Examination must be submitted 14 calendar days prior to the defense date. Exceptions to this time limit will be considered by the graduate dean upon presentation of written justification from the chair of the committee in consultation with the committee.
- Should the examination be failed twice, the student cannot continue in their graduate program.
- The student will not be given a third examination except by recommendation of the examining committee, program coordinator, and special approval of the Dean of the Graduate College following consultation with the Graduate Council.