

**ASU Department of English ♣ Graduate Studies
Doctoral Oral Examination Form**

Name _____

E-mail Address _____ ASU ID _____

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Choose concentration: Literature Rhetoric Linguistics/Applied Linguistics English Ed

The oral examination on the student's bibliography based on the student's specialization and dissertation topic will be approximately one and a half hours in length and conducted by the student's dissertation committee. The purpose of the exam is to demonstrate the candidate's appropriate knowledge of representative primary and secondary works in the area of specialization and the dissertation topic. During the exam, students will demonstrate not only that they have a detailed knowledge of the material covered in the sources, but that they are able to think critically about the items as well as generate ideas that bring various items on the list together in new ways. Before questioning begins, students will make a brief ten-minute presentation explaining the rationale behind their bibliography. Students will be given approximately two questions per examiner and an appropriate amount of time to answer them. Committee members will take turns asking questions, allowing for follow-up questioning. Students can bring in the bibliography upon which they are being examined but no notes. They may bring in blank paper and a pen for taking notes during the exam itself. (Note: students taking the revised literature exam will be asked questions about the essay in addition to questions on the bibliography. These questions are designed to display the student's knowledge about the topic and how it is situated within the student's area of study.) The exam will be recorded for documentation purposes. At the end of the examination, the student will be excused and the committee will discuss the student's performance and decide whether the student will receive a high pass, pass, low pass, or a fail. The student will be called back into the meeting so that the committee can convey to the student its evaluation of the examination. Students who fail the exam may retake it once.

Date of Exam	Start time	End time	Place
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Committee Members	Signature	High Pass	Pass	Low Pass	Fail
chair					
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Final Exam Results: **High Pass** **Pass** **Low Pass** **Fail**

Grading Standards: 3 points = A High Pass; 2 points = B Pass; 1 point = C Low Pass; 0 points = D Fail

8-9 points = high pass; 5-7 points = pass; 3-4 points = low pass; 0-2 points = fail

Note: The grading standards are based on three-member committee.

