Comprehensives

The comprehensive examination process begins with the written examinations. The student must pass the written examinations to stand for the oral presentation of the research proposal. Completion of both written and oral sections advances the student to Ph.D. candidacy.

Written Examinations

Students taking this examination will follow the UAF student code of conduct. The written comprehensive examination will be taken on one day and will take 6 hours. The examination is composed of ten questions; two questions from each of the five core classes.

map to accomplish these goals. This document will not be graded and is intended to help the student better formulate and organize their research plan. The student's Graduate Advisory Committee attends along with an outside examiner (as described in the catalog) and grades this presentation. The grades are pass, conditional pass, and fail. In the case of a conditional pass, the committee will describe the areas that must be remedied, and if the student completes these requirements, their grade is converted to pass. In the case that the student fails the oral examination or fails to convert a conditional pass into a pass, the student may be re-examined once. The public is allowed to ask questions