

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs	UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner Posted _____ Catalog _____
	Department PhD in Comparative Studies College Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters	
Program Name PhD in Comparative Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Fall 2018
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment <p>The PhD program in Comparative Studies is changing its exams process. We are changing the title of our Qualifying Exams to Comprehensive Exams, and we are instituting a new Qualifying Exams process for students who have earned 18 credit hours (roughly half the total of actual course credits needed). This process will help ensure that students are making sufficient progress towards degree.</p>		
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Adam Bradford abradfo5@fau.edu 954.816.1533	Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation None	
Approved by Department Chair _____ College Curriculum Chair _____ College Dean _____ UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____	Date 1/31/18 2/4/18 2/12/18 2-27-18 2/28/18 2-28-18	

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Catalog Changes for Qualifying Exams Program Change to PhD in Comparative Studies

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Catalog Language (**Bold** is text to be added, ~~redline~~ is removed text, standard text is current language)

3. Qualifying Exams:

Students begin the program as a "Doctoral Student." After completing 18 hours of coursework in the distribution requirements for the program, students will be required to submit an Application for Qualification, which, if approved, will advance them to the status of "Doctoral Scholar." Through the application, the PhD Executive Committee will review the applicant's current progress to date through the program, their skills as a scholar/researcher, and their progress in planning for the Comprehensive Examination. After it's review, the committee will make one of two decisions: to advance the student to Doctoral Scholar, or to deny advancement. If advancement is denied, the student may choose to reapply one more time the following semester. Failure to be advanced will result in dismissal from the program.

~~3. Qualifying Exams~~ **4. Comprehensive Exams**

Consist of a written and oral component. In the semester after completing 32 graduate credits in the program, typically fall of year three, the student will take the Written Comprehensive Examination in the eighth week of the semester and the Oral Comprehensive Examination in the tenth week of the semester. The Comprehensive Examinations are administered and evaluated by the student's dissertation committee (see dissertation section below).

In consultation with the student, the committee will compile a reading list from which the exams will be constructed. This list will not be based solely on the student's coursework, but will include as well readings that the exam committee deems foundational for the student's program of study. The successful completion of this written component is followed by the oral exam within two weeks, which examines, beyond the limits of the written exam, the extent of the student's mastery of the material.

Students who fail the written exam may retake it one time only. Students who fail the oral exam may retake it one time only. Failure to pass either exam on the second attempt will initiate the dismissal process from the program, consistent with the Provost's policy.

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