

Modern Language Examination Procedures for PhD Students in Religion

1. Passages for the Examination

- a. For each examination the conveners and members of each field must select a passage relevant to the field of the students taking the exam, taken exclusively from peer-reviewed scholarly books or journals. The passage should be approximately 1200 words (2-3 pages) in length and the target language should normally be the original language of composition. The passage should not be readily available in English translation. Members of the Oversight Committee will review the passages selected for the examinations each year.
 - b. A student may substitute native fluency or the equivalent of three years of college-level course work in a modern foreign language with grade B or better done within the last five years in lieu of the examination in the second modern foreign language.
 - c. Except when several students in a field receive the exam simultaneously, a different, previously unused passage will be chosen for each examination. The exam has a two-hour limit; it is not take-home; the student may use a dictionary.
 - d. Students should work out the schedule for the necessary exams with the faculty members in their field. The faculty of each field will inform Gay Trotter of upcoming examinations.
2. **Grading of Examinations:** Exams will be graded by a member of the graduate faculty of the Religion Program with the appropriate linguistic expertise.