

## **Developmental Concentration's Comprehensive Examination**

All doctoral students are required to complete the Comprehensive Examination before proposing their dissertation. It is recommended that students complete the Comprehensive Examination within two years after being advanced to candidacy. The Comprehensive Examination requires the demonstration of a mastery of a range of topics within the student's area of special interest via written examination. In consultation with their advisors, students may choose to submit one long paper (50-60 pages) or two short papers (25-30 pages each), depending on the scope of the topic(s). The paper(s) should be in the form of a final submission rather than a draft. Paper(s) will be read and evaluated as "pass" or "fail" by two faculty members. One faculty member must be the student's research advisor. The other faculty member will be asked to join after the student and the advisor discuss who might be the best match for the topic(s). If a paper is judged to be a "fail," by either faculty member, the student will have one opportunity to submit a revision within six weeks. The student may seek comments from or consult with faculty members after receiving a "fail". However, Students may not request or receive comments on preliminary drafts of comprehensive examination papers prior to submitting them for pass/fail evaluation. Students are expected to pass the Comprehensive Examination before working on their dissertation proposal.