

University of Louisiana Lafayette **2018-2019 Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Catalog**

General Comprehensive Examination

1. A general comprehensive examination covering all areas of study undertaken by the student is required of each applicant for the doctorate. The examination must include a written portion and may include an oral portion at the discretion of the major department or program.
 2. The applicant should schedule the general comprehensive examination at the time specified by the department or program. The structure and composition of the examining committee is at the discretion of the department or program. A comprehensive examination committee is generally comprised of three to five members, at least two must be members of the UL Lafayette Graduate Faculty. In all cases, the committee must be chaired by a member of the Graduate Faculty. The UL Lafayette Graduate Faculty members shall constitute a simple majority of the committee.
 3. Satisfactory completion of the general comprehensive examination requirement shall be determined by vote of the examining committee, with no more than one member dissenting, unless the degree-granting department or program has specified in writing a different standard.
 4. A candidate who fails the examination must register in the Graduate School for at least one additional semester or summer session before being given a second examination. No candidate will be permitted a third examination.
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