

### Preliminary Exams Timeline

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Near the beginning of the semester in which you take your Preliminary Exams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirm that your <b>Plan of Study</b> has been approved by the OGSPS. Make any necessary changes.</li><li>• Discuss the schedule and format for your written and oral preliminary exams and research proposal with your major professor. Select a date for the oral prelim, recognizing that the written prelim must be passed before proceeding to the oral.</li></ul>
Several weeks before the <b>Oral Preliminary Exam</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit your <b>Research Proposal</b> to your committee</li><li>• Take your <b>Written Preliminary Exam</b></li></ul>
At least 2 weeks before the <b>Oral Preliminary Exam</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submit <b>electronic Form 8 (Request for Appointment of Examining Committee)</b> to OGSPS.</li></ul>
At the Oral Preliminary Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The major professor directs the exam, which normally includes a presentation by the student, followed by questions related to the written exam and the proposed research.</li><li>• At the end of the exam, Committee members should complete the “Ph.D. Dissertation Research Proposal, Written Prelim, and Oral Prelim Rubric”.</li><li>• The major professor should initiate the exam results form, which will then be completed by other Committee members.</li></ul>