

## Oral Candidacy Examination

The Oral Candidacy Examination involves all members of the Comprehensive Exam Committee. The Oral Candidacy Examination will address a range of questions. Some of these will ask for further clarification or elaboration on areas covered by the Written Comprehensive Examination, and others will address new content. You should plan to bring a copy of your written comprehensive examination with you. The examination is conducted in a collegial manner, and is designed to further demonstrate your fluency and integration of content in your discipline. The Oral Candidacy Examination frequently concludes with a discussion of your planned dissertation work. You can anticipate approximately 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 hours for the exam.

Following the Oral Candidacy Examination, your committee will ask you to step out of the room briefly, and will evaluate your performance on both examinations as a whole. The committee may determine that the student (a) passes, (b) needs to correct deficiencies, or (c) fails written and oral examinations combined.