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Guidelines for conducting PhD Comprehensive Exams

1. The Dissertation Committee of the PHD Student will form the Comprehensive Exam Committee and will be chaired by the Dissertation Adviser.
2. The student will submit to the Committee a paper on the review of literature on the specified dissertation topic/specialization. The paper should be analytical in nature in discussing the content of the literary work.
3. The student will then undertake an oral examination based on the mentioned submitted paper with the Comprehensive Exam Committee. The examination will be a closed-door activity.
4. The Committee will grade the examination as pass or retake. If the grade is to retake, the student will resubmit the Review of Literature and undergo another oral examination. The student is allowed to retake the comprehensive exam twice, if still unsuccessful on the third try, the student will be penalized with an additional 3 unit coursework.

If the grade is pass, the student is encouraged to appropriately revise the paper for submission to a journal. The student would then be allowed to enrol in Archaeo 400.