The successful completion of the PhD Comprehensive Examination allows the student to pursue dissertation work. It is written over four days and must be completed within a single month. Students have the option of writing by hand or taking their examination on a computer provided by the department.

Plan to spend a brief portion of the time organizing your response, and the remainder of the time writing.

**DAY 1: Beginning to 1830**

I. Old Russian: Answer one of two questions [1 hour]

II. 1700-1830: Answer one of two questions. [1 hour]

III. Answer any four of six short-answer questions. [30 minutes each; 2 hours]

**DAY 2: 1830-1880**

I. Poetry: Answer one of two questions [1 hour]

II. Prose: Answer one of two questions [1 hour]

III. Answer any four of six short-answer questions [30 minutes each; 2 hours]

**DAY 3: 1880-Present**

I. Answer two of four questions [1 hour each; 2 hours total]

II. Answer any four of six short-answer questions [30 minutes each; 2 hours total]

**DAY 4: Minor Examination [2 hours]; this examination may be waived by the minor advisor and covered on the oral examination**

Second Slavic Language & Literature/Culture [2 hours]

**ORAL:** Successful completion of the written examinations is followed by a two-hour oral examination within five business days of the fourth written exam.