

## Preliminary Exams Timeline

<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>
Confirm that your <b>plan of study</b> has been approved by the Graduate School.	At the beginning of the semester in which you take your exams.
Discuss the schedule and format for your preliminary exams and research proposal with your major professor.	Near the beginning of the semester in which you take your exams.
Complete your <b>Written Preliminary Exam</b> .	At least 3 weeks before your <b>Oral Preliminary Exam</b> is scheduled.
Submit <b>electronic Form 8</b> to Graduate School.	<i>At least</i> 2 weeks before the <b>Oral Preliminary Exam</b> .
Submit your <b>Research Proposal</b> to your committee.	As directed by your major professor (2 weeks before your <b>Oral Preliminary Exam</b> is common).
Complete your <b>Oral Preliminary Exam</b> .	<i>At least</i> 2 weeks after submitting GS Form 8, but <i>before</i> the published semester deadline.

For information regarding how to submit an electronic Form 8, visit

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