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PhD Shared Content Doctor of Philosophy

There are 3 fundamental requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree: **Residency, Preliminary Oral Exam, Doctoral Thesis and Oral Defense**

Residency Requirement

All Ph.D students must complete a minimum of four consecutive terms, or three consecutive terms and a contiguous summer term as a full-time resident student. In most cases, this residency requirement is satisfied by registering for 16 credits each term.

Preliminary Oral Exam

All Ph.D students must successfully pass a required preliminary oral exam conducted by five faculty members. The purpose of this examination is to determine whether the student has both the ability and knowledge to undertake significant research in their general area of interest.

Doctoral Thesis and Oral Defense

All Ph.D students must successfully complete a written thesis that is (1) based on original research, (2) worthy of publication, and (3) acceptable to the sponsoring Department and to a committee of thesis readers. The format of the written thesis must conform to the proscribed format detailed in Guidelines for the Preparation of Dissertations and Theses, available on the Sheridan Libraries Web site

The oral defense of the thesis shall be conducted by a committee of thesis readers after the Department agrees that the candidate is ready for the formal defense. During this defense the committee shall evaluate: (a) the originality and publication potential of the research; (b) the candidate's understanding of the details of the methodologic and analytic work; and (c) the final quality of the written thesis document.

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ScM Shared Content

Minimum requirements for completion of the ScM degree at the Bloomberg School of Public Health are **Residency, "Outside" Coursework, Comprehensive Written Exam and Thesis**

Residency

A minimum of 64 credits is required to complete the degree.

"Outside" Coursework

At least 12 credit units of formal coursework are required in courses outside the student's primary department. At least six of these credits must be taken in the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Comprehensive Written Examination

This is a departmental written examination and should constitute a comprehensive inquiry into the student's grasp of the subject matter underlying their discipline.

Master of Science Thesis

The thesis must be a) based on original research, b) worthy of publication, and c) acceptable to the sponsoring department and to a committee of thesis readers. The evaluation of the thesis shall be conducted by a committee of thesis readers after the student has passed the written comprehensive examination. The format of the written thesis must conform to the prescribed format detailed in Guidelines for the Preparation of Dissertations and Theses, available on the Sheridan Libraries Web site.

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