

Ph.D. Field Examinations

The field examinations are intended to ensure that the student acquires a broad knowledge of three distinct fields. The student may select three fields from the list below, or alternatively choose two fields from the list and, as a third field, opt for an area of individual interest. Ordinarily this field of study would cover no less than 50 years in an area likely to be related to the candidate's dissertation topic. This is subject to approval by the Graduate Committee.

Asia

Early China: Shang – Western Han (ca. 1600 BCE–8 CE)
Medieval China: Eastern Han – Northern Song (25 –1127)
Later Imperial China: Southern Song – Qing (1127–1911)
Early and Medieval Japan: Jomon – Muromachi (1573)
Momoyama - Edo Japan (1568–1867)
Chinese Ceramics
Chinese Textiles and Costume
East Asian gardens

Ancient:

The Arts of Egypt and the Ancient Near East;
The Arts of Greece and Rome;
Ancient Jewelry and Metalwork;
Ancient Ceramics and Glass;
Ancient Furniture;
Ancient House and Garden.

Medieval/Islamic:

Early Christian and Byzantine Art;
Carolingian Art (7th-11th Century) and Romanesque and Gothic Art;

Islamic Art to Mongol Conquest (690-1250);
Islamic Art after the Mongol Conquest (1250-1800);

Medieval Western or Islamic: Metalwork; Textiles; Ceramics;
Architecture/Interiors; Gardens.

Early Modern Europe and America:

European Decorative Arts and Design 1300-1500

European Decorative Arts and Design 1400-1600
European Decorative Arts and Design 1500-1700
European Decorative Arts and Design 1600-1800
European Decorative Arts and Design 1700-1900
European Decorative Arts and Design 1800-2000

European furniture 1400-1800/1700-2000
European ceramics " " " "
European metalwork and jewelry " "
European textiles/dress " " " "
European design/ graphic design " "
European garden and landscape " "

Or by individual country: 1400-1900/ 1500- 2000

History of Collecting: Medieval to early Modern
Early Modern to Present

History of the Museum

American

American Decorative Arts and Design 1600-1900
1800-2000

American silver; American furniture; American ceramics; American textiles

American Garden and Landscape 1700-1900/ 1800-2000

European History of the Interior 1400-1600; 1500-1700; 1600-1800; 1700-1900; 1800-2000;

American History of the Interior 1600-1800; 1700-1900; 1800-2000;

Cultural, Intellectual and Political History

Cultural and Intellectual History of Early Modern Europe
Social, Economic and Political History of Europe 1400-1600
Social, Economic and Political History of Europe 1600-1800
Or by individual nation.

History of Material and Cultural History 450 BCE-2000 CE