

Oral Preliminary Examination Request Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Choose 4 out of the 5 subjects:

Oral Preliminary Examination Subjects	✓	Proposed Exam Date (MM/YY)
1. Chemistry and Properties of Material Culture		
2. Environment and Environmental Deterioration of Material Culture		
3. Conservation Methods and Materials (polymers, chelating agents, solvents, inorganic mineral consolidants, etc.)		
4. Documentation and Characterization of Material Culture		
5. Conservation Principles and Ethics		

Approved:

Denied (reason):

Ph.D Advisor (signature): _____ Date: _____

Approved:

Denied (reason):

Graduate Advisor (signature): _____ Date: _____

Oral Preliminary Examination Guidelines and Procedures

1. The oral preliminary examination form must be submitted six weeks prior to the exam.
2. The exam encompasses the body of knowledge in the Conservation of Material Culture at the level equivalent to that required for a Master's degree. It may be taken prior to completing all required coursework.

3. Students must choose four out of five subjects for the exam. The five subjects are:
 - 1) Chemistry and Properties of Material Culture
 - 2) Environment and Environmental Deterioration of Material Culture
 - 3) Conservation Methods and Materials (polymers, chelating agents, solvents, inorganic mineral consolidants, etc.)
 - 4) Documentation and Characterization of Material Culture
 - 5) Conservation Principles and Ethics
4. The exams are thirty minutes each and are typically administered on the same day, each administered by two faculty/instructors associated with the Program.
5. The oral preliminary examination is graded by members of the examiners as: Pass, No Pass.
6. The oral preliminary examination can only be taken twice.