

**Molecular Genetics and Genomics Ph.D. Program
Written Qualifying Exam**

Student Name: _____

Exam

Write a literature review on the following topic:

Special Instructions:

Due Date: _____

I verify that I have written this exam on my own and that all text is original and was written solely by me.

Student signature

Date

Approvals: Pass

Fail

Name

Access ID

Advisor

Signature

Date

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Departmental Graduate Director

Date

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Instructions

WSU Graduate School Requirements

The Qualifying Examination determines whether the student has an adequate command of knowledge in the field of study and can organize, apply and convey that knowledge. The examination covers the applicant's major and minor areas, along with other related areas as the department may prescribe. The student must have the Plan of Work on file with the Graduate School before taking the Qualifying Examination. Successful completion of the examination is one of the requirements for attaining Ph.D. degree candidacy.

The Qualifying Examination Committee consists minimally of three members, at least two of whom are from the major department and two of whom hold graduate faculty appointments. An external member may be added at the discretion of the department.

Successful completion of the written Qualifying Examination is a degree requirement. If the student does not successfully complete the written Qualifying Examination at the first administration, the examining committee may recommend that the student repeat the examination. The second examination may not be held until at least four months have passed, but must be held within one calendar year following the first examination. The same examining committee must preside over both examinations. The second written examination will be considered final. The dissertation proposal cannot be used to satisfy the written qualifying examination requirement.

Molecular Genetics and Genomics Requirements

The Qualifying Examination Committee will be assigned by the Graduate Director and will consist of the Student's Advisor and at least one member of the MGG Graduate Affairs Committee, plus any additional members to ensure that there are at least two MGG Faculty and a total of three committee members.

The Qualifying Examination Committee for each student will choose the topic, provide any specific instructions for writing the exam (e.g., format, details to be included, etc.), and will determine the deadline.

Students will receive the attached signature page at the beginning of the exam and will submit the signed page to their committee along with the exam by the specified deadline.

The committee will confer and provide a pass/fail decision within two weeks of the submission.