

Philosophy Department
Senior Exercise Exam
2010-11

As of Fall 2009, all graduating seniors in the Philosophy Department (including Honors candidates) must take the Comprehensive Exam. The Paper option has been eliminated.

Exam Content:

You should assume that the actual exam content will vary from year to year. There are three parts to the exam, corresponding to:

- (I) Ancient Philosophy (Phil 200)
- (II) Modern Philosophy (Phil 210)
- (III) Core Area Seminars (Phil 400, 405 or 410)

Parts (I) and (II): Study lists for these two parts are available beginning in May of your Junior year. These parts of the exam will be constructed from these lists of study questions. To prepare, you must thoroughly review the material from both Phil 200 and Phil 210 and be sure you can answer every question on the sheets you are given. These sections are sit-down bluebook exams of 60 minutes for each part. You will not be allowed to use books, notes, etc. Review sessions may be scheduled for these parts. Be sure that you are studying exam questions from the particular instructor from which you took either Ancient or Modern. If you have any questions, contact the Senior Exercise Coordinator (Prof. Lloyd).

Part (III): This exam is a three-hour, open-book and open-note take-home exam on your core seminar. There are no lists of study questions for this exam, and there will not be review sessions, so you should consult with your instructor if you have any questions on the course content. The exam must be typed and is limited to 1500 words. If you have taken more than one core seminar, you may specify the seminar on which you would prefer to be examined. Please be sure to notify Prof. Lloyd by the deadline noted on the following page.

Exam Policies:

1. If you fail this exam there will be another, distinct exam offered before the end of the spring semester. However failing the first administration immediately precludes receiving distinction on the Exercise.
2. If you are taking a requirement (Ancient, Modern, or Core Seminar) during the Spring Semester, that part of the exam *only* will be delayed until late in the Spring Semester (see the schedule on the following page). All other parts of the exam will continue as normally scheduled.

Schedule:

Event	Date
Exam Parts I & II	Saturday, September 11, 2010, 10am-12pm
Deadline to Advise Prof. Lloyd of your choice of core seminar (if you have taken more than one seminar)	Friday, October, 2010
Exam Part III	Saturday, January 22, 2011, 8:30 am to 11:30am
Exam for those taking exam requirements during the Spring Semester and for those taking a second exam after failing previously.	Saturday, April 23, 2011, 8:30 am to 11:30 am for the Part III exam and 12:30 to 1:30 for Parts I & II.