

The PhD Qualification Examination assesses a PhD students'/applicants' comprehension of their chosen field and their ability to conduct high-level research. Passing this exam is a prerequisite for advancing to the next stage of their graduate program and commencing their dissertation research.

During the Qualification Examination, the PhD student/applicant

1. must demonstrate the ability to read original literature on the specialty, relying on the studied language material, background country and professional knowledge, language and contextual guessing skills.
2. translate the text on specialty (Physics, History, Law, etc.) from English into Armenian (Russian, Persian, etc.) in writing.
3. Retell a socio-political text/news article in a foreign language.
4. Conversate with examiners in a foreign language on issues related to a graduate student's specialty and scientific work (candidate).

The Qualification Examination is conducted by a Commission of faculty members who are experts in the field. It evaluates the student's performance on the written and oral components to determine their eligibility for progressing with their PhD research.