

DEPARTMENT OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

*APPLICATION FOR
THE GENERAL EXAMINATION FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE*

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Academic Career (list colleges/universities attended, with dates, degrees received, and teaching positions held):

III. Choice of Fields for the General Examination:

Please submit reading lists for each field.

(1) _____

Advisor: _____

(2) _____

Advisor: _____

(3) _____

Advisor: _____

(4 optional) _____

Advisor: _____

IV. Prospective General Area of Dissertation Topic (if known):

To be completed by Department:

Language 1 _____ Date _____

Approved by Director of Graduate Studies: _____ Date: _____

Date Approved by Department: _____

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GENERAL EXAMINATION FIELDS

History of Science

The General Examination will comprise three or four fields. Two fields must be in the history of science and meet the following criteria:

- (1) The history of a recognized scientific discipline (e.g., anthropology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, medical sciences and health care, physics, or psychology and the neurosciences) during an interval covering **at least** two recognized historical periods (e.g., the history of physics from Aristotle to Newton, the history of biology from the Renaissance to Darwin).
- (2) Selected topics in the history of science **or** the history of the relations of science and, for example, society, technology, religion, philosophy in one of the following:

Antiquity;
Near East;
Far East;
European Middle Ages and Renaissance;
Seventeenth and eighteenth centuries;
Eighteenth and nineteenth centuries;
Nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

A third required field outside the history of science must be chosen in accordance with the appropriate department's requirements for the General Examination.

A fourth optional field may be chosen either in or outside of the history of science.

Possible combinations include (but are not limited to):

- Two fields in history of science and two fields in history
- Two fields in history of science and two fields in literature
- Two fields in history of science and two fields in sociology
- Two fields in history of science, one in history, and one in science
- Two fields in history of science, one in history and one in anthropology
- Two fields in history of science, one in government, and one in sociology
- Two fields in history of science, one in Art History and one in VES
- Three fields in history of science, and one in history