

Comprehensive Exams 2001-2002

I. M-FAT

- ❖ standardized national exam broadly covering most areas of psychology
- ❖ multiple-choice format
- ❖ includes information on Experimental Psychology and History and Systems as well as specific content courses

II. Written Essays

- ❖ three take-home essay questions
- ❖ each answer should be 5-6 double-spaced typed pages
- ❖ questions will be assigned on a Thursday or Friday and due the following Tuesday
- ❖ there will be one question from each of the three areas below
- ❖ questions should be broad, incorporating information from more than one specific course
- ❖ questions should involve critical synthesis / analysis of information in content area
- ❖ questions/answers should incorporate knowledge from Experimental and/or History & Systems

Clinical / Applied

Abnormal Psychology
Clinical Psychology
Forensic Psychology
Human Sexuality
I/O Psychology
Social Psychology
Tests & Measures
WWII: Psych & Genocide

Physiological / Learning

Animal Behavior
Behavioral Neuroscience
Drugs and Behavior
Learning
Perception

Cognitive / Developmental

Adulthood & Aging
Cognitive Psychology
Decision Making
Developmental Psychology
Developmental Disabilities
Personality
Psychology of Language
Psychology of Women

III. Oral Examination

- ❖ students should have a broad knowledge of information from each of the three areas above
- ❖ format will be one hour orals with 2 psychology faculty
- ❖ students will NOT know in advance which faculty will be in their time slot
- ❖ each faculty will sit in on 2/3 of the oral exams

IV. Preparation

- ❖ students will be given a study guide in the beginning of the fall semester
- ❖ study guides should contain the main theories, paradigms, info, etc. that students need to know from each of the three areas above, as well as Experimental Psychology and History & Systems
- ❖ there will NOT be a study guide for each of the 21 courses offered in the department!