

Qualifying Examination for Doctoral Degree in Economic Theory for students entering as of 2015

The Regulations of the Graduate Studies Program in Economics set forth the following rule for the qualifying examination: “For the Doctoral degree with the area of concentration in Economic Theory, the examination consists of a written exam aiming at ascertaining proficiency in three areas: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics”.

The present document sets forth the format for this qualifying examination and was written in agreement with the professors teaching the disciplines of Macroeconomics I, Microeconomics I and Econometrics I.

The qualifying Examination for the Doctoral Degree with area of concentration in Economic Theory shall comprise three written exams, one for each discipline (Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics).

The written exams shall be held in three days during the last week of vacations both for the 1st and for the 2nd semesters.

For all due purposes, the date of the third exam shall be considered as the date of the Qualifying Examination.

The successful student shall have been approved in at least two of the three written examinations. The student must have scored at least 5 (five) days in each exam so as to be approved.

The result of each of the written exams and of the Qualifying Examination shall be made known within 5 (five) after the date on which the third exam is held.

The content for the written examinations is the content of the discipline of Macroeconomics I, Microeconomics I and Econometrics I.

The written exam does not permit students to consult references and shall last between 2 and 3 hours.

Shall students fail the first qualifying examination, a second qualifying examination adhering exactly to the format mentioned above shall be held during the “Semana Santa” break (1st semester) or the “ Semana da Pátria” break (2nd semester).

Shall students fail the first qualifying examination, the results from the written portion of this exam shall not be taken into account for the second qualifying examination.

