

PH.D. QUALIFIER EXAM of PhD in ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM

The Ph.D. Qualifier Exam of PhD in Architecture Program has two parts, namely, a written exam and an oral exam. The purpose of the written part is to test the breadth of knowledge in the general field of architecture while the goal of the oral part is to test the depth of knowledge in particular areas of architecture and related disciplines. The student must first pass the written exam to be eligible for taking the oral exam. The student must register to ARCH 900 - Ph.D. Qualifier Exam, course until the last day of add/drops. Students are strongly advised to receive the consent of their thesis advisors and when needed contact the Graduate Advisor/PhD Committee representative of the program before taking the exams.

1) Written phase: The student must answer first two questions and select two areas from the list given below and inform the Chairperson of the Architecture Ph.D. Qualifier Exam Committee (the Committee) at least one month before the date of the written exam.

1. Research Methods in Architecture (ARCH 601, ARCH 501, ARCH 690) (Compulsory)
 2. Ethics in Architecture (ARCH 601, ARCH 690) (Compulsory)
- SELECT TWO of the FOLLOWING AREAS:
3. Architectural Design Research
 4. History, Theory, and Criticism in Architecture
 5. Conservation and Cultural Heritage
 6. Architectural Design Education
 7. Architecture, Culture and Behavior
 8. Typological Studies
 9. Housing Studies
 10. Building Science, Technology and Sustainability Research
 11. Project and Construction Management
 12. Computational Design and Information Technologies
 13. Interior Design
 14. Urban and Spatial Morphology
 15. City and Architecture
 16. Environmental (Natural, Cultural, Social) Sustainability
 17. Digital Fabrication, and Media Studies

All questions are equal weight. A student must get at least 50% from the first two compulsory questions of the written exam. The overall passing grade for the written exam is 60%.

2) Oral phase: A student who passes the written exam is eligible to take the oral exam. The oral exam must be taken within one month after the written exam. The earliest date to take the oral exam is one week after the written exam.

During the oral exam, the student is asked technical questions within the scope of the research areas that s/he selected in the written exam. The evaluation is based on the student's depth of knowledge in the fields covered by these research areas and his/her ability of presenting knowledge in front of the oral exam jury.

3) Selected research areas: The student must present the titles of two selected research areas for the written and oral exam to the Chairperson of the Committee one month before the written exam. The student also indicates which one of these research areas is closest to his/her research field. If the student fails to present the research area information in due time, the Committee chooses two research areas by asking the advisor of the student.

4) Qualification exam jury: The qualification exam jury consists of at least five faculty members (2 of the jury members must be from another University). The student's Ph.D. advisor may participate in the oral exam jury. If a student has 2 advisors, co-advisor of the student may participate to the jury as the 6th member but he/she does not have the right to vote. Each faculty taking part in the oral exam must give either a Pass or a Fail grade. The student passes the oral exam if s/he gets more Pass than Fail grades.

In order to take the Ph.D. Qualifier Exam of PhD in Architecture Program, the student must successfully complete the courses and have a GPA of at least 3.00. The student can take the qualifier exam a maximum of two times. The students have to take the Ph.D. Qualifier Exam by the end of the fifth semester at the latest. Post-graduate students of PhD in Architecture Program by the end of the seventh semester at the latest. A failed written and/or oral exam must be repeated in the following semester. If a student passes the written exam, s/he does not need to retake the written exam in case of failing the oral exam. The student passes the Ph.D. Qualifier Exam when s/he passes both the written and the oral exam. The qualifying examination jury may require the student to take an additional course(s) even if the student has completed all his/her course requirements and passed the qualifying examination, provided that the total credits of the additional course(s) do not exceed one third of the total ECTS credits of the required course load. In such a case, the student must pass the additional courses determined by the decision of the Graduate School Executive Board.

Ph.D. in Architecture Qualification Exam dates

The written exam for the 2021-22 Spring semester will be on **April 27, 2022 - Wednesday**

Ph.D. in Architecture Qualification Committee (2021-2023)

Prof. Orhan Hacıhasanoğlu (Chairperson)

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Two faculty members from other universities (can be different for each PhD candidate)

Thesis advisor of the PhD candidate (without grading and voting)