

## **Pre-candidacy Oral Examination Tips and Guidelines**

In order to make your Pre-candidacy Oral Examination a more fruitful event for both you and the audience, we suggest the following key points that presenters should keep in mind:

Rules of the Presentation:

1. Present a work-in-progress thesis.
2. The presentation will be evaluated according to five criteria: 1) structure, 2) research question, 3) analytical framework, 4) methodology, and 5) evidence of data collection and data analysis. Presentations should be approximately 15-20 minutes per student followed by an equal period for a Q&A session.

Helpful Tips for Presentations

- Try to visualize your work by using diagrams and figures.
- Provide a 1-page handout to the audience with the main points of your presentation. (Do not print your slides as your handout.)
- Ensure your presentation is within the time allocated.
- Avoid reading your notes. You should know the material and the important points.
- Speak clearly and slowly.
- Avoid using jargon (or define the terminology if you use it), so that people in other fields can still understand your work.

Please inform your supervisor, your friends, and colleagues that you will present at Pre-candidacy Oral Examination.