Registering for the Comprehensive Examination

In order to be eligible to register for the Comprehensive Examination students must meet the following criteria during the semester they take the exam: ¹

- Be Matriculated;
- Be enrolled in graduate courses;
  - Students may be enrolled in Maintenance of Matriculation.
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Have not taken the exam more than twice;
  - Permission to take the exam a third time may be granted by the Committee on Graduate Admissions and Standards.
- Have no outstanding admissions or matriculations conditions;
- Be scheduled to complete all of the degree requirements by the end of the semester in which the examination is taken;
  - In some cases, depending on the number of credits remaining, it may be preferable to take the comprehensive examination in the semester before the student expects to graduate;
  - Additionally, individual academic departments may set their own criteria for eligibility to take the Comprehensive Examination.

Students apply to take the Comprehensive Examination through the Portal. Once a student applies to take the exam their request is vetted by the Associate Provost’s Office (with respect to all of the criteria above – except the last one). Thereafter, the request is forwarded to the appropriate graduate deputy for final approval.

¹Brooklyn College Bulletin, pages 40-41.