

# INTERUNIVERSITY PhD IN ART HISTORY

## Université de Montréal

### HAR 7015 EXAMEN DE SYNTHÈSE (Comprehensive Examination)

Before the end of the fifth semester, students must pass a written and an oral examination that is evaluated by a jury of three professors. The examination is intended to ensure that candidates have sufficient foundational knowledge to undertake the writing of their thesis, that they are thoroughly proficient in their area of research, and that the project's component parts are well planned: its research question and the intellectual context for it, its theoretical and methodological frameworks, its thesis plan and bibliography, etc. Students who fail either of these examinations must take both of them a second time during the following semester. Those failing the second attempt will be withdrawn from the programme.

#### A) Timing of the examination :

The interuniversity PhD program suggests that the examination happens before the end of the fifth semester.

#### B) Composition of the jury :

The jury is composed of three members including the supervisor. One of the jurors should be selected from a partner institution within the Interuniversity PhD program

#### C) Content of the examination:

All partner institutions have agreed to a common base for the examinations which include, as stipulated in the calendar, a written and an oral exam.

##### · The written exam:

A substantial document (40 to 50 pages), which includes the following elements to enable the jury to evaluate the candidate's ability and readiness to undertake their proposed research: description of the topic; statement of objectives and the relevance of the research; overview of the intellectual context; description of the corpus; discussion of theoretical framework and methodology; thesis plan; full bibliography (one part of which will be annotated).

##### · The oral exam:

Students present their research topic; as in a defence, they receive comments from the jury and respond to their questions. Questions may be provided in advance.