

Prospectivecomprehensive exams

Preamble

- x Comprehensive exams are a mandatory component of doctoral programs at McGill. There can be no more than two comprehensive exams (a retrospective and/or a prospective comprehensive exam).

4. The GPD ~~must~~ meet, in a timely manner and individually with each student who fails a comps exam to verbally explain the double failure policy and review strategies for improving on the next exam (if the student declines or is not available for ~~aperson~~ meeting, this information should be conveyed in detail in writing). Following this meeting, the Recommendation Following a First Failure online form should be completed by the faculty member (<https://www.mcgill.ca/studentrecords/forms/staffgr-programs/>). Students must be given a minimum of four months to prepare for a retake.
5. Given the potential for inequity issues from an ~~ED~~ (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) perspective (see "Student Experience" ~~see~~ https://www.mcgill.ca/equity/files/equity/mcgill_strategic_edi_plan_2020251.pdf), students whose first language is not English ~~must~~ be ensured appropriate supports prior to and following comprehensive exams as they are likely to be disproportionately negatively impacted by written/verbal exam formats.