

**Graduate Studies in Sociology  
Duke University  
PhD Area Qualification Form**

All PhD students are required to seek qualification to teach and do research in two areas of specialization. Late in the Spring semester of the second year, the student should identify two faculty members (examiners) who can each (separately) qualify the person to do research in an area. Each examiner will inform the student of the specific qualifying requirements in that area. The DGSA must be informed of the areas and examiners by the last day of graduate classes in the Spring of the second year. **This signed qualification form must be submitted to the DGSA at least one week before taking the Preliminary Examination** (dissertation proposal defense), which will take place no later than the Spring of the third year.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of submission to the department: \_\_\_\_\_

*We certify that this student is qualified to teach and do research in the areas listed below.*

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