DEPARTMENT OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
APPLICATION FOR
THE GENERAL EXAMINATION FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE

Name: ___________________________  Advisor: ___________________________

ID#: ___________________________

Fields for the General Examination (see reverse):

(1) ___________________________
   Examiner: ___________________________

(2) ___________________________
   Examiner: ___________________________

(3) ___________________________
   Examiner: ___________________________

Prospective Dissertation Topic (if known):

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To be completed by Department:

The Department will schedule the General Examination once the student has resolved outstanding incompletes and has met or is in the process of meeting course, paper and language requirements.

Approved by Director of Graduate Studies: ___________________________  Date: _____________

Date Approved by Department: ___________________________

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GENERAL EXAMINATION FIELDS

History of Science

The General Examination will ordinarily comprise three fields. Two fields must be in the history of science and meet the following criteria:

(1) The history of a recognized scientific or technological discipline (e.g., astronomy, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics, medicine, psychiatry, psychology, etc.) during an interval covering at least two recognized historical periods (e.g., the history of physics from Aristotle to Newton, the history of biology from the Renaissance to Darwin).

(2) And either
   A. Selected topics in the history of science
      or
   B. The history of the relations of science and, for example, society, technology, religion, philosophy in any period (of substantial length) from antiquity to the present or in a geographic area or nation (e.g., Near East, Middle East, Africa, South Asia, East Asia, China, etc.)

A third required field outside the history of science must be chosen in accordance with the appropriate department or program’s requirements for General Examination.