

PhD Committee Meeting
December 11, 2018

The next meeting of the Ph.D. committee will be next week, on December 11 at 11:00 in 403.

The major item on the agenda is to consider Ph.D. requests to teach summer courses. Sonja will circulate the application materials to you before the meeting. I know at the end of the quarter you have nothing else to do, so please try to look them over.

A second item to discuss and consider is whether non-native speakers of English should have more time on their general exams than native speakers. (A request to do so by a non-native speaker has come in.)

I have now asked Liora Halperin, Mark Metzler, and Clair Yang to serve on the committee. Whether they will or not is to be decided.

In addition to reviewing the students' applications for teaching summer school, and considering policy about extra time for non-native speakers of English for general exams, I would like to add a discussion about the methods requirement for the Ph.D.

The meeting is tomorrow at 11 in 403 Thomson. Sonja sent you the link to the files for the summer school teaching applications.

1. Clair Yang and Mark Metzler have joined the committee.
2. Extra time on general exams for non-native speakers
 - a. Grad students are required to have English proficiency to be admitted to program.
 - b. We have not made this exception in the past.
 - c. Students do not receive additional time for any other assignments.
 - d. Extra time on general exams will not be permitted.
3. Methods requirement
 - a. Two methods classes are required.
 - b. Students looked at other departments and were not able to find 1) classes open to JSIS students 2) qualitative classes 3) classes that fit in their schedule.
 - c. Sara is offering JSIS 512 for Steve Li, Hayim Katsman, and Seth Kane to accommodate their research methods requirement.
 - d. SOCWL 581 Qualitative Research Methods is an option.
4. QUAL Seminars
 - a. It's up to students to decide whether they attend.
5. Summer Teaching discussion
 - Why are we limiting the number of summer courses?

- Sufficient enrollment is needed for a class to run, we don't want to complete internally for enrollment
- Classes can be cancelled the first day of the class
- Applicants chosen on seniority, recommendations, and TA experience
- Loop in program chairs when finalizing summer course decision
- PhD Committee recommends qualified students for summer teaching
- The recommendations go to OAS and the Curriculum Committee
- The program is not intended to prepare students for an academic career

Committee agrees to put forth list of recommended students to Curriculum Committee.