A plan of study meeting is held during the first semester and is the initial process in preparing the student for the preliminary examination. At this time the student will work with his/her advisor to evaluate and determine the following:

1. Courses from previous programs that may apply to the current degree plan (a maximum of 30 hours may be transferred).

2. Substitutions of previous work for required courses in the degree plan, which are done on a course-by-course basis. Up to 30 transfer hours may be applied toward a doctoral degree on a course-by-course substitution basis upon approval of the student’s committee and the Graduate School. No courses taken more than six years prior to admission will be accepted.

3. Courses to be taken while enrolled at Texas Tech University to be approved by preliminary exam committee at preliminary exam.