

Cumulative Exams per division					
Questions:	Analytical	Biochemistry	Inorganic	Organic	Physical
Do you Advertise your topics in advance?	Yes	This is left to individual faculty member	yes	No	Yes, Consistent list every year
Do you give out a list of papes or textbooks to read?	It depends on topic. Some topics include books, chapters, papers to read and some just the topic	No	sometimes -depending on who is giving the exam	Rarely	They claim to give out a list of papers or textbooks to read. (I haven't seen it)
Do you use many or one faculty's questions per exam?	One faculty per exam	Each cume has 5 questions written by a differenc faculty member each	Mostly just one faculty member except for the instrumental methods cume when it could be written by 3-4 faculty members	One faculty member per exam.	Each cume has 4 questions from 4 different divisional faculty.
Do the exams writers rotate from one exam to next or always the same	Exam writing is rotated	Exam writing is rotated	Exam writing is rotational	yes, it is rotational	rotational
Are students aware of who is giving the exam?	yes	no	yes	no	No
Do you use multiple graders or the one who wrote exam?	Single Author grades exam	Each faculty member who wrote a question grades that question	The one giving it grades it, but then it is passed around for consensus of all faculty in division	The person who wrote the exam, grades it	yes, each writer grades their own questions.
What are the pass/fail cutoffs?	70%	50%, 20 points per question	70%	50-60%	60%
Is this cutoff flexible?	Somewhat if grader sees a cluster around 70% he/she feels should pass	no	rarely, if all divisional faculty agree	Some flexibility is allowed in light of perceived difficulty of the exam and students performance on the exam	There is some flexibility when the whole division looks at each exam.

Is the person/persons who make the final pass/fail decision the same as the grader?	Division consensus is solicited in the case of below 70% pass rate	yes	Consensus of the division	The exams are passed around the division for consensus	yes
How much consistency is there in terms of grading	100% consistent	Some faculty members have questions that are more difficult than others. However, as 5 (out of 7) division members contribute and contributions rotate, the overall difficulty is pretty consistent	With all the division looking at the exam, this gives consistency in the grading of the exam. If one of the faculty things the problem was graded too harshly, it is reviewed by all	With all division looking at the exam, pretty consistent	100%
How much consistency is there in terms of format of exams?	100% consistent		To help with consistency, students are to answer 5 out of 8 questions usually. (60-65%)	yes, the exams are similar in format.	consistent.
Are there exams to study in Donna 's office	Very few (they used to give them to the Graduate Office but no longer)	3 or 4	no	YES, with answers (but with not knowing who is giving it, it is overwhelming to figure out what to study as they are so specific to the professor's specialty in topic.)	YES, without answers