

**Instructions:** The Comparative comp is an open-book written exam. Native English speakers are allowed 8 hours; non-native speakers are allowed 9 hours. The questions are e-mailed to students at the beginning of the exam period and must be returned electronically at the specified time. Any exam returned late automatically fails. There is no guaranteed grace period; “8 hours” means 8 hours and “9 hours” means 9 hours. Only the DGS may make exceptions to this, and only in extraordinary circumstances, such as a power outage or server failure. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that his or her e-mail and computer are in good working order before the exam begins. Students are advised to save their work frequently.

Students will submit their answers anonymously using ID numbers that will allow the DGS to tie students to their exam answers without revealing the students’ names to the faculty grading the exam until after grading is complete.

The exam consists of three questions. No answer can be longer than 1,750 words. References and citations in the (Author, date) format will be expected, although without page numbers. All answers must be the student’s own work. The university’s Honor Code and conventional ethical standards for academic work apply. Students are advised not to use direct quotations or to copy tables or figures from anyone else’s work; if they do, the source absolutely must be documented to avoid charges of plagiarism. When answering each part of the comp, students are advised to consult the relevant grading standards for that part. The standards are available at <http://politicalscience.nd.edu/assets/89297/comppgradingstandards.pdf>.