

First Part Question Topics

2020 - 2021 List

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Advisors will narrow this list down for each student taking the qualifying exam. The advisor will pick between 4 and 6 topics, making sure that the topic is not closely related to the topic for the second question, which typically focuses on the student's dissertation research interests.

- Student loan debt
- The minoritized college student experience
- Improving teaching and/or learning
- Academic freedom and freedom of speech in academia
- The changing student demographic
- Hiring and promoting faculty of color
- Online/distance education in higher education
- Higher education as a public vs. private good
- Co-curricular and out-of-class student learning
- Internationalization of higher education
- Educational philanthropy and/ voluntary action in higher education
- The research enterprise in higher education
- The college or university presidency
- Legal and policy environment for higher education
- Crisis management in higher education