For the competency examination, students and the examining faculty designated by the student’s advisory committee agree upon fifteen of the following items. Substitutions are permissible as agreed upon by the student and the examining faculty, unless prohibited by the advisory committee.

1. Plato, *Sophist; Republic; Phaedo, Euthyphro*

2. Aristotle, *Metaphysics; Nichomachean Ethics*

3. René Decartes, *Discourse on Method and Meditations*

4. Baruch Spinoza, *Ethics*

5. John Locke, *Treatise on Civil Government*

6. David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*


8. Immanuel Kant, *Prolegoma To Any Future Metaphysics and Critique of Practical Reason*

9. G.W.F. Hegel, Preface to *Phenomenology of the Spirit*

10. Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling and The Concept of Anxiety*

11. Ludwig Feuerbach, *The Essence of Christianity*

12. Karl Marx, *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844*

13. Friedrich Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morals*


15. Franz Rosenzweig, *The Star of Redemption*

16. Martin Heidegger, *Being and Time*

17. Jean-Paul Sartre, *Being and Nothingness*

18. Ludwig Wittgensterin, *Philosophical Investigations*

19. Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*
20. Paul Ricoeur, *The Symbolism of Evil*

21. Emanuel Levinas, *Totality and Infinity*

22. Jacques Derrida, *Of Grammatology*


25. Alastair MacIntyre, *After Virtue*


27. Sandra Harding, *The Science Question in Feminism*

28. Judith Butler, *Gender Trouble*

29. Alain Badiou, *St. Paul*

30. Jean-Luc Marion, *Being Given*