

SOCIAL NETWORKS
Comprehensive Examination Reading List
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Relationship to other comprehensive areas:

The Social Networks reading list includes two general areas and eleven application areas. Students will be examined in areas **1** and **2**, and a selection of **three** application areas under section 3.

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