Graduate School POLICY: Comprehensive Exams

A. Purpose & Scope
To define comprehensive exams and the role of comprehensive exams in masters degree programs

B. Definition(s)

C. Policy
All graduate students who are candidates for a master's degree in a program that requires one must pass a comprehensive examination.

The comprehensive examinations are administered by the department and are scheduled approximately halfway through the semester or the summer session. The date for this comprehensive examination is always announced by the department. Such examinations normally require three hours. Information about departmental examinations should be obtained from the faculty adviser or chairperson.

Applications to register for the Comprehensive Examination can be obtained from the School of Graduate Studies and Research in Dixon Hall.

D. Procedure(s)
The nature of the examination may vary from department to department, but it commonly has a written component and may have an oral component as well. The purpose of the examination is to evaluate the graduate student's ability to demonstrate the achievement of the objectives and/or competencies prescribed in the student's program.

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