



# California University of Pennsylvania

## Graduate School POLICY: Comprehensive Exams

### A. Purpose & Scope

To define comprehensive exams and the role of comprehensive exams in graduate degree programs

### B. Definition(s)

### C. Policy

All graduate students who are candidates for a graduate 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.

### 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.

### E. Effective date: 2018-2019 Graduate Catalog

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