Comprehensive Exam

The Comprehensive Exam is an exam to be taken in the last semester of an M.S. course option student’s degree program. M.S. thesis option students are not required to take the exam.

The exam is a take-home exam that allows one week’s time to complete. The exam tests some basic concepts that students have learned during their degree program and does not involve specific problems and calculations. Examinees need to elaborate on the use of these concepts in their previous courses and current or future work. The exam takes approximately one hour to complete. To prepare for the exam, students need to review key concepts and theories covered in the core courses.