

Core Areas of Study Program – Examination Option

| Time frame | Action |
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| Upon program acceptance | Student is assigned a Faculty Advisor in his/her Core Areas of Study by Graduate Program Coordinator. |
| Prior to second semester | Select Exam Advisor. Student and Advisor agree on a graduate plan of study. |
| | Students works with Advisor on test preparation plan. |
| Beginning of third semester | Student and Core Area of Study Advisor agree on two additional members for the student's Examining Committee. Student completes the Master's Supervisory Committee Nomination form (Appendix A-4) and give to the Graduate Coordinator. The Graduate Coordinator will sign and forward so that the Examining Committee can be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School. |
| Beginning of the 4th/final semester | Student coordinates with the Examining Committee to schedule the exams. |
| During the 4th/final semester | Student completes the take-home portion of the Exam (Part I). |
| | Student completes the closed-book portion of the Exam (Part II). |
| | Student submits Notice of Intent to Graduate form with the Graduate School (usually about a month and a half prior to graduation, see the Graduate School's calendar). |
| Within a month from the date of completion of the last portion of the comprehensive examination | Students may need to complete re-takes of Part I or II or pass an oral defense of examination work. |