

New MS Comprehensive Exam Guidelines:

- A Thesis committee needs to be formed no later than 3 months prior to the proposed defense date. It is strongly suggested that the committee be formed immediately after the student submits his/her form for graduation at the beginning of the semester.
- The Thesis committee will administer the comprehensive exam as soon as possible after its formation. *Suggested deadlines for Comprehensive Exams: Jan 15 for Spring, and Sept 1 for Fall semester graduation.*
- Each committee member will give students one (1) question, for a total of two (2) questions per student. Questions will not be directly related to any course materials, but will be more research oriented aimed at assessing the student's *ability to apply knowledge of science and mathematics to solving electrical engineering problems.*
- Students will have two (2) weeks to prepare for an oral exam or a written response as decided by their Thesis committee.
- The committee members will evaluate the answers and give results back within 2 weeks after the student has submitted his/her response.
- The committee will fill out an evaluation form which will contain the scores for the exam, and will indicate whether the student has passed or need to retake the exam. *Students can only take the comprehensive exam twice.*
- A photocopy of all written responses will be stored in the department as a part of the academic records.
- ***As per current Graduate School regulations, students must pass the comprehensive exam 60 days prior to their graduation.***