

Marine Science and Oceanography

Comprehensive Examinations For Non-Thesis Options:

For students in the M.S./Non-Thesis Options, the Comprehensive Examination is a written examination covering three designated areas (Please see MS Graduate Regulations Rules).

Instructions:

1. Meet with your Graduate Supervisory Committee the beginning of your third semester.
2. Schedule your examinations (**warning: if the exams are not scheduled the semester before you plan to graduate, you will not be approved to graduate**).
3. Select the three areas covered in the examination from the below list.
4. Read the Procedures for Scheduling/Completing Comprehensive Exams.
5. Review the Written Comprehensive Examination Format.
6. Faculty will provide electronic copies of the exam questions, student's answers, and rubric, which must be sent to MSO Graduate Program (MSO-Admin@fau.edu).
7. Faculty administering exam will inform the student via email their pass/fail status.
8. In the event of a fail, the faculty will inform the student where their exam was deficient. The faculty will include the MSO-Admin@fau.edu in the emails.

Rubric for Assessing MS Non-Thesis Final Written Exam

Name of MS Non-Thesis Student: _____

Name of Evaluator: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Criterion	1-----2-----3-----4-----5	Poor	Excellent	Score	
Literature review, breadth and understanding of chosen field Knowledge		Shallow, mistaken, containing large gaps, incorrectly cited	Appropriate coverage, accurately represented.	Extensive, synthetic, commanding, shows deep understanding.	
Intellectual structure of essays Critical thinking Knowledge		Poorly defined, illogically argued	Supported by facts, but some incongruity.	Well argued, with each point substantiated.	
Quality of answer to question Communication Knowledge Critical Thinking		Did not address question	Appropriate, though pedestrian answer, hard to follow.	Elegant and thoughtful response, easy to read and understand.	
Grammatical structure of essays Communication		Numerous grammatical and spelling errors, poor organization	Adequate attention to grammar, spelling and organization	Clear exposition, near flawless, logically organized.	

Other comments or recommendations:

Total:

Pass Exam

Fail Exam