

MSW Comprehensive Examination

All MSW students will take the Comprehensive Examination in April during the Spring semester before their graduation. The Comprehensive Examination covers the Foundation and students' selected Concentration content. Even if a student chooses to do a thesis, he/she must still take the Comprehensive Exam. Only students who have completed all of their course work are eligible to take the Comprehensive Examination.

The passing score on the Comprehensive Examination is 70% overall. If a student does not achieve the minimum 70% score overall, he/she will take the exam again after a minimum of 3 months. If the student does not achieve the minimum 70% score after the second attempt, he/she will not graduate from the MSW program.

In addition to assessing individual student competencies, the Comprehensive Examination scores provide needed outcome data for the MSW program. Aggregated data are used to measure attainment of program objectives. It is therefore very important that the School of Social Work present to the Council on Social Work Education sufficiently high scores.

The Comprehensive Examination is intended to mirror the State Licensing Examination. Consequently, it is in the interest of the students to study hard and achieve a high score.