

Environmental Engineering M.S. Course Only Track Comprehensive Exam Procedure

1. The student who is planning to graduate under the M.S. Course Only Track option should notify the departmental M.S. Graduate Coordinator of taking the Comprehensive Exam via email (and copy the Departmental Chair) by the 12th Class Day (Census Date) of the student's final (graduation) semester.
2. Around the mid-semester point of the student's final (graduation) semester, the M.S. Graduate Coordinator will notify the student(s) about the schedule of the Comprehensive Exam (usually the week when the exam will be conducted).
3. As a part of the Comprehensive Exam for M.S. Course Only Track option, the student will need to review two peer-reviewed journal articles selected by the Departmental Comprehensive Exam Committee (comprising of three faculty members) and submit a written technical summary within the specified duration (usually within 1-week). In the written summary, the students need to provide critical and comprehensive reviews of the papers, addressing key details such as primary findings, assumptions, knowledge gaps, new contributions, and limitations of the studies. The written summary should be single-spaced 1.5 to 2 pages per article (total 4 pages for 2 articles), written in 12-point New Times Roman font with 1-inch margins. The students can submit up to 2 peer-reviewed journal articles via email to the M.S. Graduate Coordinator for consideration, but the Departmental Comprehensive Exam Committee will select or approve the two articles, which will be shared with the student by the M.S. Graduate Coordinator.
4. The student will need to score 80% or above to pass the Comprehensive Exam. If the student fails the comprehensive exam, he/she may be allowed to take the comprehensive exam once more while pursuing his/her M.S. candidacy.