



## **Comprehensive Exam Structure for Accounting/Finance/OBHR Doctoral Students**

### **MGT9997 COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

The Comprehensive Examination is a two-part examination (written and oral) that is overseen by the Comprehensive Examination Committee. Once the written exam has been passed, the student proceeds to the oral. The comprehensive examination must be passed before the student can propose his or her thesis.

#### Timeline

- Students prepare for the comprehensive exam in their second year, and the exam will take place in their 5th semester. Specifically, the comprehensive exam will take place at the end of the Winter semester of their second year.

#### Structure

- TSOM PhD Fields will strike a comprehensive exam committee (composed of roughly 4 professors) who will write the questions and grade answers for both the written and oral component.
- All students within a cohort will take the same exams (same questions).
- Students are not given a reading list. The reading lists from their field seminars can be a starting point and specific journals can be suggested to students. Students are expected to generate their own list of readings, which is part of the learning process.
- The written component must be passed before the oral component is attempted.
- The oral component takes place roughly 3 weeks after the written exam.
- Written component:
  - Day 1: day long, in class, and closed book exam with questions focused on content (theory) and methods/analysis. Some choice allowed amongst questions.
  - Days 2-5: open book broad integration question such as integrate concept 1 with theory 2, develop hypotheses, design a study to test the hypotheses, highlight the strengths and limitations of your design, propose an analysis plan.
- A student who does not pass the written component will start the process again at the end of the summer semester (6<sup>th</sup> semester of the program).
- A student who does not pass the oral component will retake the oral defense only.

### After the Exam

Once the comprehensive exam has been successfully completed, it is the student's responsibility to obtain the necessary signatures and submit the Comprehensive Exam Report Form via Service Request (under the service request type TAC report). Once approved by the Supervisor and the Program Director, the Graduate Program Office will post your grade (S/NS).

## RAPPORT SUR L'EXAMEN GÉNÉRAL REPORT ON COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

Nom de famille - <i>Surname</i>	Prénoms - <i>Given names</i>	N° d'étudiant/e - <i>Student no.</i>
Programme d'études - <i>Program of studies</i>		Unité scolaire - <i>Academic Unit</i>

Examineurs - <i>Examiners</i>		Évaluation - <i>Evaluation</i>
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Directeur/Directrice - <i>Supervisor</i>		

Cote de l'examen : <i>Examination Code</i> : _____	Note finale : <i>Final grade</i> : _____ ( S : Satisfaisant ou NS : Non satisfaisant <i>Satisfactory or Not Satisfactory</i> )	Date de l'examen : <i>Examination date</i> : _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Premier essai <i>First trial</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Reprise <i>Supplemental</i>
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Commentaires - *Comments*

Approbation :  
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**Signature** (*Professeur responsable des études supérieures - Professor in charge of graduate studies*)

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