

Institute of Applied Economics

Comprehensive Exam Information

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Comprehensive Exam

- Prior to graduation, you must pass a written comprehensive exam.
- You are not eligible to take the comprehensive exam until your final semester of coursework.
- Deadlines for taking comprehensive exam for Thesis and Problem in Lieu of Thesis (PILT) Students:

<i>Planned Graduation</i>	<i>Thesis Students:</i>	<i>PILT Students:</i>
Spring Semester	March 1	March 15
Summer Semester	June 1	June 15
Fall Semester	October 1	October 15

*If one of these dates falls on a weekend, then the due date moves to the next business day.

- The exam will be taken in our office during a 3 hour period pre-arranged by the student.
- You should notify us of your intent to take the comprehensive exam early in the semester.
- It is your responsibility to schedule a specific date and time to take the exam prior to the department deadline.
- Department deadlines are strictly enforced.
- Our deadlines give professors approximately 2 to 3 weeks to grade your exam before the results are reported to the Grad School.

- The exam will consist of essay questions designed to test your knowledge of concepts covered in
 - Applied Economics core courses
 - Elective courses
- To prepare for the exam, we suggest that you
 - Review class notes, papers, exams, and texts from all classes taken
 - Be able to discuss broad concepts from your core and elective courses
 - Know how to run data analysis using SPSS or NCSS
 - Know how to interpret the results of a data analysis
- Your submission should be free of spelling, grammar, and style errors.
- We will notify you of the results of the exam within 1 to 2 weeks.
- Possible results:
 - Pass
 - Partial Pass
 - Fail
- Partial Pass - Most of your answers were adequate, but your answers to one or two questions need work.
 - You will be asked to schedule a date and time to retake those questions.
 - After the retest, we will notify you of the results of the retest.
- Fail - A majority of your answers were inadequate.
 - You may retest once during the current semester.
 - If you still wish to graduate in the current semester, the retest must be at least 1-1/2 to 2 weeks prior to the Grad School's deadline.
 - If you fail twice, you must wait until the following semester to retest.

Helpful Websites

- Toulouse School of Graduate Studies:
<http://www.tsgs.unt.edu/newindex.htm>
- Institute of Applied Economics: <http://www.unt.edu/aeco/>
- UNT Academic Calendars: <http://www.unt.edu/catalogs/catsched.htm>