

## MA Comprehensive Exam Process

**1. Complete the core and specialty areas courses** and consult with your advisor to get approval before registering for the comprehensive

**2. Register for Educ 395** (Comprehensive Exam) concurrently with or after completing 321

**3. Enlist the services of a committee** (2 members for an intended project, 3 members for an intended thesis). This committee will be your Comprehensive Examination committee **as well as** your project or thesis committee.

**4. Write an Abstract for your proposed research study** and submit it to your committee. This should be 5-8 pages in length and contain 10-12 references. It should provide a problem statement/rationale, research questions, methodology (data collection and analysis), and a statement regarding the significance of the proposed study.

**5. Present Abstract orally to your committee.** This will be the oral component of your comprehensive exam. If they award you a **Pass**, you will have passed your Comprehensive Examination. If they do not award you a Pass, **'PR'** will be entered on your transcript and you will need to register for EDUC395 a second and final time.

**6. Once you have passed your Comprehensive**, you can submit the Abstract online via the petition system form to the **FAS Graduate Committee**.

**7. You can now register for EDUC398** (project) or EDUC399 (thesis), and start working with your advisor on developing your proposal for your thesis or project.

2017-2018 Comprehensive Transition

Enrolled for Comprehensive

Not Enrolled Comprehensive

Abstract submitted

Abstract not submitted

Follow New process

Enrolled in thesis course

Not enrolled in thesis yet

Follow New process

Choice

Defend proposal as comprehensive

Defend abstract

Defend proposal as comprehensive