

REQUIRED EXAMS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN CBME

Both Master's and Doctoral students have specific exams and presentations to take as part of their studies and degree requirements. The exams specific for both Master's and Ph.D. students are listed below. Master's students who are considering staying here for their Ph.D. degree sometimes take the Ph.D. Qualifying Exams before finishing their M.S. degree, with the permission of their advising professor.

Students should talk with their research professor ahead of time about these exams. The Ph.D. exams should be discussed a full semester ahead and a general time frame set for the date. A tentative date should be set within three months of the exams. Once a tentative dates and time is set, the student must also contact Donna at donneking@ou.edu in the CBME office schedule a room for the exam.

EXAM FOR MASTER'S STUDENTS

Students in the Master's program will need to prepare for and take a Master's Exam, usually following their first semester. Below is the link to the file giving the deadlines and guidelines for the Master's Exam. The Master's Exam is a department requirement and there are not any requirements or guidelines regarding this from the Graduate College.

Department guideless and requirements for the Master's Exam. (Link to Word document on "Master's Exam...")

EXAMS FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Ph.D. students are required take both the Qualifying Exams and the General Exam during their studies. This is in addition to the final Dissertation defense. A file showing the department deadlines and guidelines for the Ph.D. Qualifying Exam and the General Exam is given below. The General Exam is a requirement of both the department and the Graduate College. Information about the Graduate College requirements and deadlines are on the Graduate College web page at <http://www.gradweb.ou.edu>.

Department guidelines and requirements for the Qualifying Exams and the General Exam. (Link to Word document on "Qualifying Examinations, Advisory...").

Qualifying Exams

The Qualifying Exams are usually taken as soon as offered after the student arrives, though this can vary depending on whether the student comes into the Ph.D. program with a B.S. degree or a M.S. degree. The Qualifying Exams are given in January the week before classes begin and in late May/early June the week before classes begin and the first Monday of classes. Students must sign up for these exams before the last day of finals but it is better to sign up at least two months before that to pick up the Study Guide and other study materials. The Qualifying Exams are three exams, with one each in Thermodynamics, Transport, and Kinetics & Reaction Engineering. Students must pass all three exams to remain in the Ph.D. program.

General Exam

The General Exam is taken later in the Ph.D. program. In addition to the department deadlines and guidelines, the Graduate College has some very specific deadlines, guidelines and forms that have to be completed ahead of time. The General Exam is presented to the students Advisory Committee. This committee should be selected and approved by the Graduate College a full semester before the General Exam. There must also be a meeting of the Advisory Committee prior to the General Exam to discuss and plan the General exam. The meeting of the Advisory Committee cannot be at the same time as the General Exam. The student must pass the General exam to remain in the program.