**Graduate Comprehensive Exam**

The graduate comprejebsive exam is a requiement for completing the MS in Exercise Science program and must be take on campus face-to-face. Those eligible to sit for the comprehensive exam must be in their last semester of the degree program and will respond to questions for six (6) different courses.

The graduate advisor (or graduate committee) selects three courses and three EXSC courses you may select from among those have taken in your Exercise Science master's program at ULM.

A four-hour block of time is allotted for the exam, which will be taken in a computer lab on campus.  Student taking the exam will be notified several weeks in advance regarding the time, date, and location.

For the **Applied Exercise Science** and **Clinical Exercise Physiology** concentrations, the courses required are:

* **EXSC 5004** - Applied Exercise Physiology I
* **EXSC 5007** - Research Methods in Exercise Science
* **EXSC 5010** - Exercise Prescription and Leadership

For the **Sport Management** the concentration, the courses required are:

* **EXSC 5001** - Sport Sociology
* **EXSC 5003** - Governance and Ethics in Sport
* **EXSC 5007** - Research Methods in Exercise Science

A student must select three (3) additional EXSC courses and submit those to the graduate avisor by return email. ***The graduate internship (EXSC 5095) can not be used as one of elective options.***

Following the written portion of the comprehensive exams, one of three scenarios is possible. Since comprehensive exams are "pass/fail", 1) a stuent may pass all sections, 2) pass some sections and 3) fail others or fail all sections. For each of the six (6) sections (courses selected) of the exam, if a student does not pass with the initial written work, the committee has two options. 1) Typically, if we believe your answers were "close" but somewhat weak, we may request an oral follow-up for those sections. 2) If we believe your answers did not meet the departmental standards, we may require you to "re-write" those sections and an appropriate time will be set to do the re-write.

Again, while unlikely, following the potential oral or written follow-up exams, if your committee still believes your answers are insufficient, you would be provided with remediation work and comprehensives would be re-scheduled for the **NEXT** semester.

Please note we fully expect you will be successful in passing your comprehensive exams!

To prepare of Comps, contact the instructor of the courses you will be tested on and “request” they provide guidance regarding the information you should focus on for comps.