

Final Exam for Plan B M.S. Degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering

The final examination administered to candidates for a Plan B Master's Degree in the Civil Engineering Field of Study shall consist of either or both of the following two options:

- 1) A written report on, and oral defense of, a three to six credit project required by the Research Group selected by the student on his or her plan of study. The student will conduct the project work after his or her plan of study is approved. Each Research Group in the Civil Engineering Field of Study has separate requirements and guidelines for projects, including credit allocation. The oral defense is scheduled by the student in consultation with his or her advisor and in accordance with guidelines set by the Graduate School.
- 2) A four-hour written examination on the contents of four courses identified in the student's plan of study as core courses. Core examinations for each Research Group in the Civil Engineering Field of Study will be scheduled at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters of each year. The student must indicate on his or her plan of study the semester during which he or she will take the examination. Rescheduling of the exam constitutes a revision in the plan of study and must be officially approved. The student may take the core examination only after his or her plan of study has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Graduate School and after finishing all of his or her core courses. It is expected that the student will take the examination the semester immediately after completing the last core course.

The separate Research Groups in the Civil Engineering Field of Study decide which of the two options pertain, or if both are required. If the student fails one or more parts of the oral examination and/or core examination, he or she may retake the entire examination one more time in the immediately following semester. Graduate School guidelines indicate that students must complete all work for the Master's degree within a maximum of six years from the beginning of the earliest course listed on the approved plan of study.