**Guide to MBSE Master’s Plan II Comprehensive Exam (for both 2019 and 2020 students)**

**General information**

For general information, please go to <https://engineeringgrads.ucmerced.edu/academics/masters-degree/ms-plan-ii-comprehensive-examproject-and-filing>.

**MBSE-specific information**

• MBSE’s Core-Knowledge Exam will be given in the spring starting in spring 2021 for students starting in fall 2020 and later. The Core-Knowledge Exam will cover materials presented in MBSE 210, MBSE 211, and MBSE 212.

• The MBSE Policies and Procedures provide full information about the comprehensive exam and can be downloaded at <https://mbse.ucmerced.edu/current-students/forms>. Please review these and be in touch with your committee well before the planned completion date.

**Conduct of the Exam:**

The format of the oral exam is determined by your committee – please consult with them about their preferred format (you may do this in your previous Annual Evaluation). The format typically includes a short presentation of the research proposal and follow up discussion. The presentation usually stimulates questions that take much longer than the presentation itself. The Committee may choose to ask questions about deficiencies identified by the Core Knowledge Exam and/or grades in courses.

**MBSE goals for successful students:**

The MBSE Graduate Program is designed to comprehensively support student development. The rubric that is used to assess the success of the program and the success of the student in achieving MBSE’s goals can be found at: [**https://tinyurl.com/y8t9ckye**](https://tinyurl.com/y8t9ckye)