

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OPTIONS

California State University, Long Beach
Communicative Disorder Department

Students not completing a thesis are required to complete ONE of the following for a M.A. in Communicative Disorders:

- 1) On-Campus Comprehensive Examination
 - 2) Take-Home Comprehensive Examination
 - 3) Student Presentation
 - 4) Student Project
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OPTIONS DESCRIPTION:

On-Campus Comprehensive Examination

- Student takes a comprehensive examination covering **all** graduate coursework.
- Examination contains comprehensive questions from **each** of the following categories: Motor Speech/Dysphagia, Adult Language, Child Language, Phonology, and Autism.
- Examination is completed **on-campus across two separate days**, as follows:
 - Thursday 8:00a.m.-12:30p.m. and Friday 9:00a.m.-12:00noon. *Please see below for examination dates.*

Take-Home Comprehensive Examination

- Student takes a comprehensive examination covering **all** graduate coursework.
- Examination contains comprehensive questions from **each** of the following categories: Motor Speech/Dysphagia, Adult Language, Child Language, Phonology, and Autism.
- Examination is completed **at home** as follows:
 - Student picks up examination questions on Friday morning and returns responses the following Monday morning by 9:00a.m. *Please see below for examinations dates.*

A Student Presentation

- Student selects a Presentation Advisor and a topic of interest (approved by his/her Presentation Advisor)
- Student develops a comprehensive presentation on the chosen topic.
 - Guidelines for nature and extent of this presentation will be established by the student's Presentation Advisor; however, it is expected that this presentation will be comprehensive in nature and thoroughly explore a given topic.
 - Please ask your Presentation Advisor for examples of past presentation topics.
- Student presents this presentation (including any supporting documentation) in an open forum to his/her Presentation Advisor, Department Faculty and interested CD students. *Please see below for presentation dates.*
- NOTE: Two or three students can complete a presentation together, but only with the approval of their Presentation Advisor. All students completing a presentation together **must** graduate during the same semester, no exceptions.

A Student Project

- Student selects a Project Advisor and a topic of interest (approved by his/her Project Advisor)
- Student creates a comprehensive project on the chosen topic.
 - Guidelines for nature and extent of this project will be established by the student's Project Advisor; however, it is expected that this project will be comprehensive in nature and thoroughly explore a given topic.
 - Please ask your Project Advisor for examples of past project topics.
- Students submit this project to the Project Advisor (including all written documentation) for approval. *Please see below for project due dates.*
- NOTE: Two or three students can complete a project together, but only with the approval of their Project Advisor. All students completing a presentation together **must** graduate during the same semester, no exceptions.

SIGN-UP REQUIRMENTS:

You must petition for one of the above options the **semester before graduation**.

- Fall Graduates: Students must petition by **April 1st**, *the semester before graduation*.
- Spring Graduates: Students must petition by **November 1st**, *the semester before graduation*

For projects and presentations:

- Select a Project/Presentation Advisor.
- Hold a meeting with your Project/Presentation Advisor to discuss a possible topic.
- Submit a proposal to your Project/Presentation Advisor for his/her approval and signature.
Note: Each Advisor will have different requirements for this proposal. Please discuss these requirements with your Project/Presentation Advisor *prior* to submitting a proposal for his/her approval and signature.
- Obtain a Petition for Comprehensive Examination from the Department Administrator.
- Submit a completed Petition for Comprehensive Examination form **AND** a signed Project/Presentation proposal to the Graduate Advisor *before the due dates outlined above*.

For comprehensive examinations (take-home and on-campus):

- Obtain a Petition for Comprehensive Examination from the Department Administrator.
- Submit a completed Petition for Comprehensive Examination form to the Graduate Advisor *before the due dates outlined above*.

ENROLLMENT REQUIRMENTS:

For all of the above options, you must enroll in 1 unit of CD695 **the semester of graduation**. You must complete your project, presentation or examination in the semester you are enrolled in CD695.

DUE DATES:

Each of the above comprehensive options is due **the semester in which you graduate**.

For students completing a project, the project is due as follows:

- Fall Graduation: **November 1st**
- Spring Graduation: **April 1st**

For students completing a presentation, the presentation is due:

- Fall Graduation: **First week in November**
- Spring Graduation: **First week in April**

Note: The exact day and time of presentation to be approved by your Presentation Advisor.

For students completing a comprehensive examination (take-home or on-campus), the examination will be given as follows:

- Fall Graduation: **First week in November**
- Spring Graduation: **First week in April.**

Note: See above for specifics of take-home versus on-campus examination administration
