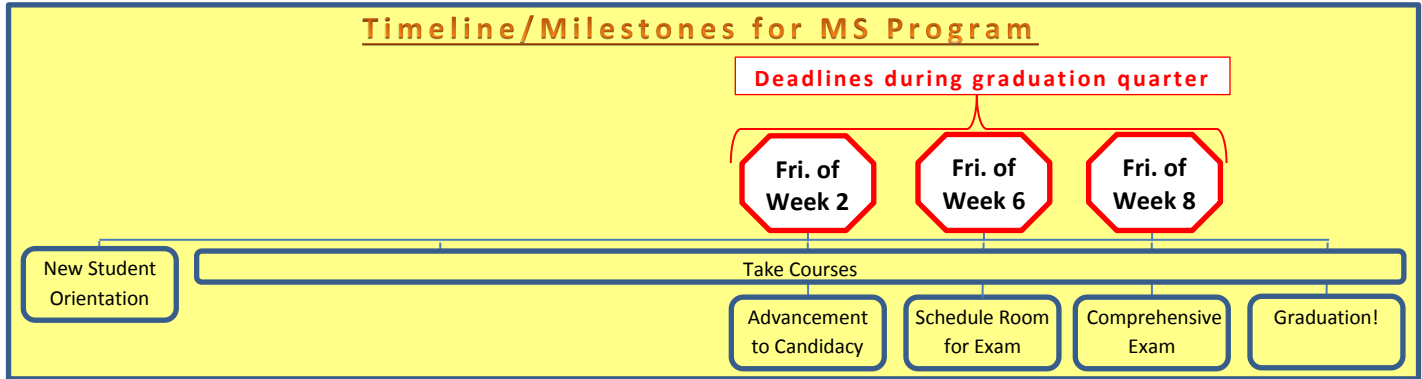


PREPARING FOR THE MS COMPREHENSIVE EXAM



Preliminary:

1. Complete the MS Planner (you can find it here: <http://maeweb.ucsd.edu/grad/ms>)
2. Review it with your faculty advisor.
3. File it with MAE Student Affairs.

After you complete 6 of the 9 courses:

1. Complete the form: **Application for Candidacy for the Thesis or Comprehensive Examination, Plan I or Plan II, for the Degree of Master of Arts and Sciences** (see example below). You can get this form from MAE Student Affairs.
2. Obtain signature from your faculty advisor.
3. Bring the form to MAE Student Affairs and we will obtain the department Chair's signature and send to Office of Graduate Studies for filing.
4. THIS FORM MUST BE FILED WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE SPRING QUARTER IF YOU WANT A SPRING DEGREE. If the form is filed two weeks after the start of the spring quarter, it will be considered a summer degree.
5. Discuss the second faculty member to attend your exam with your faculty advisor.
6. Set a date (no later than Friday of Week 8) with all members of your committee. This should be done early to accommodate the scheduling demands of the faculty and room reservation difficulties.
7. Contact MAE Student Affairs (two weeks in advance) to reserve a room for your exam.

The exam:

The comprehensive is oral in nature and typically takes between 60-90 minutes to complete. You will be asked questions based on your completed coursework listed in the Application for Candidacy. Faculty are looking for comprehension of concepts as opposed to simple memorization.

Once the exam is over, one more form will be completed and filed: **the Final Report of the Thesis or Comprehensive Examination (Plan I or Plan II) for the Degree of Master of Arts and Science** (see example below).

Diplomas for graduate degrees will be mailed 3-6 months after the end of the quarter. The diplomas are mailed directly to your permanent address so it is important to check your address for accuracy at <http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu> to avoid delivery delays.

*\*Example\**

**MUST BE FILED  
BY FRIDAY OF  
WEEK TWO**

**[COMP. Exam Track]**

Graduate Division  
University of California, San Diego  
La Jolla, CA 92093-0003



APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY FOR THE  
THESIS OR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION,  
PLAN I OR II, FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF ARTS OR SCIENCE

STUDENT  
Name: STUDENT SUSIE Q.  
Last First M.I.  
Department/Group: MAE  
Area of Specialization: MC-81  
PID#: A12345678

List only courses completed in satisfaction of the requirements for your Master's degree.

*Research Area/Major Code*

GRADUATE COURSES IN MAJOR (200 series) *min. 16 units*

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES IN MAJOR (100 series) *max. 12 units*

*Specialization Areas*

Department	Course Number	Units	Quarter	Year
<b>SPECIALIZATION #1: ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS &amp; DYNAMIC MODELING</b>				
<i>List 1</i> MAE	283A	4	SP	13
MAE	247	4	SP	13
MAE	281A	4	SP	13
<b>SPECIALIZATION #2: LINEAR &amp; OPTIMAL CONTROL</b>				
<i>List 2</i> MAE	280A	4	FA	12
MAE	280B	4	WI	13
<b>SPECIALIZATION #3: DESIGN</b>				
<i>List 2</i> MAE	291	4	FA	12
MAE	292	4	WI	13
<b>STUDENT CHOICES</b>				
MAE	207	4	FA	12
MAE	254	4	WI	13

Department	Course Number	Units	Quarter	Year
MAE	120	4	FA	12

GRADUATE OR UPPER-DIVISION COURSES FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS/INSTITUTIONS

Department	Course Number	Units	Quarter	Year
ECE	240A	4	WI	13
SE	160A	4	SP	13

*courses outside of MAE*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student Date

DEPARTMENT/GROUP  
Master of  Arts  Science in: ENGIN. SCI. (Mechanical Engineering)  
Degree Title

Language requirement:  Examination not required  Examination passed \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Print/Type Language Date

PLAN I: Nominees for Thesis Committee (Use Official Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Departmental Affiliation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*{ Still write in exam committee }  
members, even if crossed out.  
(2 members, incl. Faculty Advisor)*

PLAN II: Comprehensive Examination

Approved: [FACULTY ADVISOR] DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate Adviser Date  
Approved: [DEPT. CHAIR] DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Department or Group Chair Date

GRADUATE DIVISION  
Student is currently registered:  YES  NO; is fulfilling residency requirement in \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter Year

Current GPA:	
Units completed:	
Units in progress:	

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Dean of the Graduate Division Date

