

ORAL EXAM GUIDELINES

*Additional information can be found in your student handbook or on MSW website

FORMAT

1. Student will make a 15-20 minute presentation describing the Advanced Generalist Model of practice and its relationship to coursework in the program, field placement, your Master's Project and future career plans. Essentially this is: What is it to you? How did it fit with the classes you took? How will you use what you learned in future social work practice?

You should include the following: Problem solving method, systems approach, person in the environment and diversity/cultural competence. Also be prepared to describe an ethical issue from field or practice and how you dealt with it using the NASW Code of Ethics.

2. Briefly describe your Master's Project.

You may be asked questions for clarification or if you are not providing enough detail. After you present, you will be asked to briefly leave the room so the committee can engage in a short discussion about your presentation and prepare feedback for you. When you return to the room you will be informed whether you passed and be given feedback that often includes some revisions to your Master's Project.

3. If you pass and your paperwork has been signed, you will be asked for feedback about the program. Include the things you liked (classes, topics, staff, faculty, etc.) as well as areas you want the program to work to improve. Please provide it anonymously in writing so faculty can use it when we discuss changes to be made to the program.

4. You may meet afterwards with your advisor if significant changes are needed on your Master's Project to make sure you are clear about those changes and to set a timeline. Final paperwork will not be submitted to the Graduate School until you have turned in the final project.