

In its meeting held on March 8, 2012, the academic policy-making body of LST, the Faculty and Student Representatives Assembly (FASRA), unanimously approved the proposal to conduct orally Part I of the MA Comprehensive Exam for non-STB/Seminary Program students. Part II of the examination will still be conducted in written form. The new comprehensive exam procedure will take effect beginning the First Semester of School Year 2012-2013.

Coverage of the Oral Examination

All M.A. students will now be required to take an oral comprehensive exam on the following foundation courses: Revelation and Faith; Christology; Ecclesiology; Christian Worship; Fundamental Moral Theology. The student will also take a written exam on his/her field of concentration. The average of the grades of the oral exam (Part 1) and written exam (Part 2) will constitute the student's final mark for the M.A. comprehensive exam.

Mechanics

The student will be given a set of twelve (12) Thesis Statements covering the five (5) foundation courses. He/she must be prepared to be examined on all the theses. Questions from the panel of professors will deal with both theological content and pastoral/practical application. Forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled oral exam, the student will be informed of the composition of the panel of professors. At the oral exam itself, each of the three (3) professors will have 15 minutes to ask questions, for a maximum of 45 minutes of examination. Each professor will give his/her mark for the student's overall performance, and the LST office will calculate the average mark.

Review Classes

In order to assist the M.A. student in reviewing the courses and in preparing for the oral exam, LST will provide review classes in every 1st and 3rd quarters of the academic year; correspondingly, oral exams will be held in the

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quarters.

1. Review classes will consist of seven (7) sessions of three (3) hours each. This is equivalent to a 1.5-unit course or a quarter/half a semester of classes. There will be an introductory session for an overview of the theses; five sessions for the five courses; and a final integration/synthesis class.
2. The schedule of the review classes will be published at the time of registration.
3. Review classes are optional.
4. At the time of registration, the student pays the fees of the review classes based on the standard rate charged to LST students.