



UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA

# Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

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## Oral Examination

### *Requirements:*

1. At mid semester contact your graduate committee chair to schedule a time for your oral examination.
2. Must be taken at least FOUR weeks prior to the date of graduation or granting of the degree. (The final date of oral examination is posted each term in the Graduate Office.) Submit your final portfolio to your MAIS Program Chair two weeks prior to the oral examination to allow for the graduate committee to review the portfolio.
3. The oral examination will include questions regarding coursework and other material relevant to the student's program of study and program objectives.
4. On the date of your oral examination arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to your examination time.
5. Be familiar and comfortable with your portfolio – the portfolio is a showcase about you and how you met the program learning objectives.
6. Dress professionally.
7. Be prepared to present at the close of your oral examination a 10 minute overview that reflects upon your growth as a graduate student and an analysis how you met your program objectives.
8. Allow for 1-2 hours for graduate oral examinations.
9. Students choosing the oral examination option will be required to successfully pass an oral examination before being granted graduation approval.
10. Approval forms will be signed by the student's committee and presented to the Dean of Graduate Studies after successful completion of the oral examination.
11. Students completing oral examinations after the specified date will not be eligible for graduation until the next graduation or diploma granting date.