

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MA COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS
JANUARY, 2009**

1. A condition for graduating from the MA program is to complete the comprehensive examination requirement in economic theory (microeconomics and macroeconomics), and econometrics. Each student does so by taking a set of two written Comprehensive Examinations in the semester following completion of the core courses. This year the written exams will be held:

A. For students who have completed ECO 643 and ECO 644:

Econometrics Comp Exam: Friday, January 16, 2009; 1-4 PM.

B. For students who have completed ECO 641 and ECO 646:

Micro/Macro Theory Exam: Friday, January 23, 2009; 1- 4 PM.

Note that you will have **three** hours to complete each examination. The exams are actually structured for two hour sessions so that all students should have sufficient time to finish.

2. Comprehensive exams are graded either 'pass' or 'fail' with a passing grade being comparable to a 'B' on a regular course examination. Students receive one grade for the Econometrics Comprehensive and one for the combined Theory Comprehensive. A student who fails either the Econometrics or the Theory comprehensive exam in January, 2008 will be required to retake the relevant exam(s) after the spring semester is completed in May, 2008. Students who have completed the required coursework either in econometrics (ECO643-644) or theory (ECO641-646) should take the appropriate comprehensive examination.

3. Study questions are provided for both examinations. These are available on my teaching webpage at:

<http://www.uncg.edu/bae/people/snowden/>

These study questions are intended to be comprehensive study guides--that is you will not be asked questions that are unrelated to those shown in the study guide. If you have any questions regarding study questions talk to or email the appropriate instructor (or Snowden if you have trouble contacting another instructor.)

4. Students are allowed to bring a "formula sheet" for the econometrics examination no longer than one side of an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper. These will be handed in with your completed exam. We will supply any statistical tables you might require. No formula sheet is allowed for the theory examination.

5. If you have any questions over the break please contact SNOWDEN@UNCG.EDU. I will be away from email 12/21-12/27/08, and 12/30/08-1/08/09 but should otherwise be accessible.