

During the second year of the MRM program the student will develop her/his specialization. It consists of deepening knowledge in the area of specialization, under the Special Field Director's supervision.

The students will be assessed, in addition to those courses or seminars taken, through:

a) Special Field Exam

The Special Field Exam will be taken at the end of the second year of the program, after having passed in all the courses and seminars taken throughout the MRM.

The exam includes eight questions to be answered in two consecutive days. The student has eight hours per day to answer these questions. The questions will be divided into two sets of four questions each, and one four-question set will be answered on each day. Questions on the first day will be common to all students of the same Department, and questions of the second day will be tailored to each student so as to address the student's specialization (in a broad sense). Each Department will decide whether the exam is open-book or not

The exam's content includes topics relevant to the student's field. However, the exam may include research design questions or questions related to the disciplines underlying her/his field of interest. The background knowledge required to answer these questions will probably be related with the core courses. Questions might include general evaluations of the field as well as questions about specific aspects of a particular paper.

The student's Special Field Exam Committee composes the questions for the candidate. Questions common to all students in the same Department will be coordinated by the Department PhD Liaison.

The reading list agreed with the Special Field Director will be the basis for this exam. The Special Field Director will add references to that list that relate to the student's specialization. The list should be completed during the first quarter of the second year of the MRM Program and be submitted by email to the Executive Program Director, with the Special Field Director in cc, no later than February 15th, 2018. In addition, the topics covered in the elective courses will also be included in the exam.

The Special Field Exam will be assessed in accordance with the grading scale described previously. Failing the Special Field Exam precludes admission to the PhD Program. In this event, the exam can be retaken three months later as the last opportunity for obtaining the "Master of Research in Management" degree.