

**CSUSB MPA Program**  
**2021/2022 Comprehensive Exam Question Themes**  
(for those following *semester catalog only*)

You will answer one core course question (your choice), one concentration question (your concentration), and one integrative question (randomly assigned).

**PA 6030**

The PA 6030 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) sampling and (2) sample representativeness.

**PA 6110**

The PA 6110 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) federalism and (2) federalism effects on practice.

**PA 6550**

The PA 6550 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) engaged leadership and (2) strategic planning.

**PA 6620**

The PA 6620 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) recruitment and (2) differences between public and private sector practices.

**PA 6630**

The PA 6630 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes (1) budgeting theory and (2) politics in budgeting.

**PA 6640**

The PA 6640 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) appraisal process and (2) applications in practice.

**PA 6800**

The PA 6800 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) policy process and (2) globalization.

**CYBERSECURITY CONCENTRATION**

The Cybersecurity Concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) ransomware attacks and (2) securing sensitive public data.

### **SOCIAL WORK CONCENTRATION**

The Social Work Concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) the roles assumed by social workers while in the field and (2) training.

### **LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION**

The Leadership Concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) leadership theories and (2) their practice applications.

### **NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION**

The Nonprofit Management Concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) nonprofit organization design characteristics and (2) the link between design specificities and leader behavior.

### **PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION**

The Public Financial Management Concentration comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) fiscal illusion and (2) reduction of fiscal illusion.

### **INTEGRATIVE QUESTIONS**

#### **Competency: to lead and manage in public governance.**

The “lead and manage in public governance competency” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) stakeholder management.

#### **Competency: to participate in and contribute to the public policy process.**

The “participate in and contribute to the public policy process” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) policy design.

#### **Competency: to analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions.**

The “analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) expenditure reduction strategies.

#### **Competency: to articulate and apply a public service perspective.**

The “articulate and apply a public service perspective” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) outsourcing.

#### **Competency: to communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.**

The “communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry” comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) local government policy making process and (2) team management.