

CSUSB MPA Program
2022/2023 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) Operationalization (2) Variable measurement.

PA 6110

The PA 6110 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes (1) on democracy and (2) its application at the municipal government level.

PA 6550

The PA 6550 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) strategic planning effectiveness, and (2) managing for results.

PA 6620

The PA 6620 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) Employee motivation and (2) Legal Rights and Responsibilities.

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) contemporary approaches to leadership and (2) managing conflicts.

PA 6800

The PA 6800 comprehensive exam question will focus on the themes of (1) Policy Process and (2) Stakeholder Engagement

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) board member engagement and (2) their responsibilities

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) outsourcing/organization service procurement and (2) organizational decision-making processes.

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 communication strategies and (2) team management.