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To: M. S. Students in *Operations Research, Production Systems, Industrial Engineering and Human Factors*
 From: Victor Paquet, Director, Graduate Studies
 Date: September 14, 2007
 Re: M.S. Comprehensive Examination (C-Exam)

This memo provides information about the upcoming M.S. Comprehensive examination. Please read this memo carefully, as it contains important information regarding signing up for the exam, and the format of the exam.

Students should take the C-Exam as soon as they have completed their core courses (e.g., after 2 semesters). **NOTE: The content of the C-exam is based on the most recent offerings of each of the courses. It is incumbent upon the candidate to check that the material they prepare before the exam corresponds to that covered in the most recent offerings of each course.**

IMPORTANT: If you sign up for the exam and do not take it you must give two weeks notice. Otherwise, this will be considered your first chance for taking the exam, with one chance remaining.

M.S. Comprehensive Examination

The **MS Comprehensive Examination** will be held **Friday, December 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. (room to be announced)**. This is a written exam lasting about 90 minutes. Questions will be of an integrative nature, largely focusing on the core subjects of the major. That is, the minimal answer to pass will be drawn from the core courses. In addition, questions may draw upon materials from any other course the student has completed. The emphasis will be on the integration of the tools/methods that were covered in the core and other attempted courses. Students are not required to bring in any course material (formulae, etc.) to the exam. Any such material, if needed, will be provided at the exam.

If you intend to take the C-Exam for partial fulfillment of your MS degree requirements in **December 2007**, please complete the application available from Ms. Brock (407 Bell) or online at our IE web site, and return it to her. Sample questions will be available from Ms. Brock around **November 7, 2007**.

Results

Exam results (either Pass or Fail) will be announced approximately 1-4 days from the exam date.

Important Dates	Exam Registration:	Pick up Sample Questions:	Cancellation Notice by:	Written Exam:	Results
M.S. Comprehensive Exam	Submit form by: Oct. 15, 2007	November 7, 2007	Monday, Nov. 26, 2007	Friday, Dec. 7, 2007	1-4 days

