Remote Participation in Formal Meetings: It is generally expected that all of your committee members or approved substitutes will attend all meetings required by the Graduate School (program meetings for doctoral students and MAIS students, preliminary exams for doctoral students, and final oral exams for all students). If you or any committee member needs to participate remotely, you and your committee must assure that all the conditions listed on the Remote Participation Form are met, and you must submit the form to the Graduate School one week prior to the meeting.
(http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/current/forms.html#remote)

Master's Degrees - Final Examination: All master's degrees (except non-thesis EdM students electing the internship option) require a final oral exam. You must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 on both your Program and cumulative graduate transcript to schedule the final oral examination. All course work with a grade of I appearing on the program of study must be completed prior to scheduling the final oral examination. You must schedule your exam with the Graduate School one week in advance to allow time to audit of your Program of Study.

Doctoral Degrees:
Preliminary Oral Examination: In order to be admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree, you must pass a comprehensive preliminary oral examination conducted by your committee. The purpose of this exam is to determine your understanding of your major and minor fields and to assess your capability for research. The exam may cover your proposed research topic, although no more than one-half of the time should be devoted to specific aspects of the proposal. The preliminary oral exam is taken near the completion of all course work on the Program of study. The exam should be at least two hours in length, and all committee members must be “present” or participate remotely.

Final Oral Examination: At least one complete academic term must elapse between the preliminary oral exam and final oral examination. The examination committee will consist of the same members as for the preliminary examination, although substitutions may be made if approved by the department/program or college and the Graduate School. You must contact members of the committee to arrange the date, time and place, then schedule the exam with the Graduate School not less than two weeks before the examination. Submit one examination copy of the pretext pages of the thesis to the Graduate School at the time you schedule. Distribute examination copies of your thesis to all committee members, including the Graduate Council Representative, sufficiently early to permit thorough review prior to your exam date. The exam should be scheduled for two hours, and all committee members must be present or participate remotely. The first part is the thesis defense portion is open to all interested parties. After the thesis defense portion of the exam, the examination committee may exclude all other persons and continue with the examination of your knowledge of your field.