

## WHAT'S NEXT AFTER SUBMISSION OF THESIS/DISSERTATION

**STEP 1** - Contact the respective offices to check on the progress of the examination process after 2 to 3 months from the date of thesis/dissertation submission.

The examination process usually takes around 3 to 6 months. However in exceptional circumstances, the process may take longer.

Evaluated aspects of your thesis/dissertation are as per following:

<b>Format of thesis/ dissertation</b>	<b>Conventional Format &amp; Article Style Format</b>	<b>Format of Published Papers*</b>
Robustness of thesis/dissertation	Suitability of title Research objectives Literature review Research methodology Analysis of research Significance of finding(s) References Possibility of publication	Quality of published papers Coherence of the overall research write-up Suitability of title Research questions and objectives Literature review Significance of finding(s) References
Overall style & organization	Presentation Mechanical aspect (grammar, spelling, punctuation, numbering)	Presentation Mechanical aspect (grammar, spelling, punctuation, numbering)

**\*The option of writing thesis in the format of published papers is only available for Doctoral candidates.**

**STEP 2** - After the reports from all examiners have been received, the respective faculty will arrange for the Committee of Examiners' Meeting and/or viva voce.

The possible outcomes of thesis/dissertation examination are as follows:

### **DOCTORAL DEGREE**

- (1) Awarded the degree and Distinction for thesis, subject to the stipulated rules and conditions.
- (2) Attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the degree without amendments/corrections to the thesis.
- (3) Attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the degree subject to minor corrections to be made to the thesis within a period of 3 months as required by the Committee of Examiners and subject to confirmation of the corrections by the Supervisor.
- (4) Attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the degree subject to major corrections to be made to the thesis within a period of 6 months as required by the Committee of Examiners and subject to confirmation of the corrections by the Supervisor and Internal Examiner.
- (5) Required to undertake further work and submit the thesis for Re-examination within a period of 6 to 12 months from the date of Senate.
- (6) Failed to attain sufficient academic merit in the thesis examination for the Doctoral degree and it is recommended to Senate that a Master's degree be awarded subject to the candidate fulfilling the requirement for the award of the Master's degree.
- (7) Failed to attain academic merit and it is recommended to Senate that the candidate has failed in the thesis examination and is not allowed to submit the thesis for re-examination.

### **MASTER'S DEGREE (RESEARCH MODE)**

- (1) Awarded the Master's Degree with Distinction – subject to the stipulated rules and conditions.
- (2) Attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the degree without amendments/corrections to the dissertation.
- (3) Attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the degree subject to minor corrections to be made to the dissertation within a period of 3 months as required by the Committee of Examiners and subject to confirmation of the corrections by the Supervisor.
- (4) Attained sufficient academic merit for the award of the degree subject to major corrections to be made to the dissertation within a period of 6 months as required by the Committee of Examiners and subject to confirmation of the corrections by the Supervisor and Internal Examiner.
- (5) Required to undertake further work and submit the dissertation for Re-examination within a period of 6 to 12 months from the date of Senate.
- (6) Failed to attain academic merit and it is recommended to Senate that the candidate has failed in the dissertation examination and is not allowed to submit the thesis for re-examination.