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## How the exam will proceed:

1. The Chair announces the name of the Candidate and the title of the thesis to be examined and introduces the Candidate and all members of the Examinin Committee.
2. The Chair describes how the exam will be conducted as follows:
  - a. The Candidate will be asked to present their research (30-40 minutes for Ph.D. students). After the presentation, there may be a 5-minute break.
  - b. The Examinin Committee will then take turns in asking questions, typically no more than 20-30 minutes per member. Questioning begins with the External Examiner followed by the Internal (or Public) Examiner, the Supervisor Committee members, and concludes with the Senior Supervisor.
  - c. The Chair will ask the Examinin Committee if they wish to have a second round of questions. If so, Examiners will ask questions in the same order as for the first round. Generally, this round is limited to only a few questions from each examiner.
  - d. The Chair will then invite questions from the audience.
  - e. After the question period, the Candidate will be asked to withdraw while the Examinin Committee deliberates.
3. The Chair announces that recording or transmission of any part of the defence is prohibited unless approved by the Chair, the student, and all members of the examinin committee.
4. The examination then unfolds as described by the Chair. If a question from the audience seems to be inappropriate or irrelevant, the Chair may ask the advice of the Examinin Committee as to the suitability of the question, allowing the Committee to authorize or refuse public questions.  
At the end of all questioning, the audience and Candidate are asked to withdraw while the Committee completes its evaluation. The Candidate is asked to wait somewhere nearby.
6. The Examinin Committee will be presented with following options:
  - 1) The thesis was passed as submitted.
  - 2) The thesis was passed on the condition that minor revisions be completed to the satisfaction of:
    - a. the Senior Supervisor. All other members of the Examinin Committee sign the Thesis, OR
    - b. the Examinin Committee. Some members have withheld signatures pending revisions
  - 3) The Examinin Committee deferred making judgment. The thesis was considered to be passable after additional work by the candidate.
    - a. A second oral defense will be required, OR
    - b. The Examinin Committee will reach its decision based on the written, revised thesis. A re-defense is not required.
  - 4) The thesis failed and the candidate is required to withdraw from the University.
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