

EASC 910: PhD CANDIDACY EXAMINATION

PURPOSE: Candidates must pass an oral examination intended to assess their potential to carry out the proposed thesis research, as demonstrated by sufficient command of the studied discipline(s) and an ability to explain and defend a written thesis proposal.

PROCEDURE (see also Logistics below): Several months before the examination, the student and supervisor will agree upon two or three subject areas of focus normally related to the proposed research. The student will submit a written thesis proposal to the Examining Committee prior to the examination. The senior supervisor will inform the committee members of the focus areas and ensure that each member of the Examining Committee understands their responsibility in covering these areas.

D U Requirements for External Examiners on the PhD defense do not apply to the candidacy examination.

The examination itself comprises a 20-minute oral presentation by the candidate to an open audience followed by a brief opportunity for questions from the audience. A closed oral examination by the Examining Committee follows, where only the candidate, Examining Committee members and Chair are present. The Chair will normally be the EASC Graduate Program Chair or a designate. The Chair is not a member of the Examining Committee and does not ask questions or vote on the outcome of the examination. Prior to questioning from the Examining Committee, the Chair will remind the committee of the subject areas of focus agreed in advance.

The examination itself will be divided into two roughly equal parts, each comprising at least 10 minutes. Part (1) is an oral presentation by the candidate to the committee, demonstrating background in the designated focus areas and (2) an examination of the candidate's ability to explain and defend the thesis proposal. During the closed portion of the examination, the candidate must demonstrate graduate-level

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examination within the 4th term of enrolment and must do so by the end of the 5th term.
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