**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:**

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| **Format of thesis/ dissertation** | **Conventional Format & Article Style Format** | **Format of Published Papers\*** |
| 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.