

## Defence Procedures – Quick Reference

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### Defence Components

Presentation	Question Period	Order of Questioning (PhD)	Order of Questioning (MSc)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral presentation from the candidate</li> <li>• Summarizes the major themes and findings of the dissertation</li> <li>• <b>15 - 20 minutes</b> in length</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two rounds of questions</li> <li>• The first round is open to the public</li> <li>• The second round is only open to members of the examining committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External examiner</li> <li>• University examiner</li> <li>• Cognate</li> <li>• AC member (CHEM)</li> <li>• Supervisor</li> <li>• Co-supervisors <i>(if applicable)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arms length examiner</li> <li>• AC member (CHEM)</li> <li>• Supervisor</li> <li>• Co-supervisors <i>(if applicable)</i></li> </ul>

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### Evaluation

After two rounds of questioning, the candidate is asked to leave the room while the examining committee reaches a decision. The possible outcomes are detailed in the CGPS examination recommendations ([https://cgps.usask.ca/documents/pnp\\_m\\_phd-may-2022.pdf](https://cgps.usask.ca/documents/pnp_m_phd-may-2022.pdf)).

Following the defence, the Graduate Program Coordinator will circulate copies of the relevant forms for signature. Generally, for Recommendation 1, the supervisor withholds their signature pending revisions to the thesis, while in Recommendation 2, additional members of the examining committee will withhold their signature until they are satisfied with the revisions.