



DOCTORAL THESIS DEFENSE PROCEDURE Approved by the Academic Study Council on February 16, 2021

Prior to the Defense of the Doctoral Thesis the Doctoral Candidate must complete the following steps:

1. Obtain approval for the Dissertation Proposal Topic and the Mentor Appointment Committee.
2. Obtain approval from the Dissertation Ethics Committee.
3. Gain approval from the Evaluation of the Dissertation Committee.

The Committee for Thesis Defense comprises five members: the Mentor and four committee members. All members are expected to attend a preparatory meeting 15 minutes before the official commencement of the defense.

The selection of the Committee's President is made among the committee members. The President of the Committee for Doctoral Thesis Defense presides over the meeting, following this protocol:

1. Extend a warm welcome to the Candidate, providing an introductory overview.
2. Introduce the Committee Members.
3. Instruct the Candidate to deliver a presentation of the Doctoral Thesis with a time limit of 30 minutes.
4. Invite Committee Members to ask questions, preferably one question each, but no more than two per Member. The Mentor may choose not to ask a question. If questions and answers lead to a discussion, the President assumes the role of

a moderator, ensuring that the discussion remains within a one-hour time frame for the entire procedure.

5. After the completion of this segment of the procedure, the Doctoral Candidate is requested to exit the room.
6. A moderated discussion among Committee Members regarding the Doctoral Thesis Defense takes place.
7. Upon concluding the discussion, the Candidate is invited to rejoin, and the Defense results are announced.
8. A brief moment is allocated for the Mentor and Candidate to share closing remarks.
9. The Defense Session is concluded and formally closed with the announcement of the result to the Doctoral candidate.