

**Proposed Graduate Academic Calendar Regulation Amendment
Section – Thesis, Project, Major Paper – Examination procedure
Graduate Studies Committee – April 23, 2019**

Rationale for proposed changes: To ensure consistency with the Oral examination for master's and doctoral candidates regulations, clarifying that co-supervisors within an examination committee collectively have one vote during the deliberation phase of the defence.

Examination procedure

The deliberation phase is the third major part of the defence. When the question phase is over, the student is asked to leave the room and members of the examining committee determine the outcome of the oral examination. All decisions of the examining committee are made by majority vote. In the case of co-supervision, co-supervisors collectively have one vote. The chair of the examining committee is a non-voting member, unless the chair's vote is needed to break a tie.