

**Proposed Graduate Academic Calendar Regulation Amendment
Section – Thesis, Project, Major Paper - Approval for the oral examination
Graduate Studies Committee – April 23, 2019**

Rationale for proposed changes: To clarify how far in advance the thesis must be approved and ready to be sent to the examining committee prior to the oral defence date for master's and doctoral thesis to ensure adequate time for the examining committee to review the written work prior to the defence date.

Approval for the oral examination

Before an oral examination can be held, the supervisory committee must approve the thesis for examination (no more than one negative vote and/or abstention). **Once the supervisory committee has declared the thesis is ready for examination, an examination thesis copy must be sent to the examining committee. ~~The student's work must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the proposed oral examination.~~**

Master's candidates

For master's candidates, the examination copy of the thesis must be approved and submitted at least 4 weeks prior to the proposed oral examination.

Doctoral candidates

For doctoral candidates, the examination copy of the thesis must be approved and submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the proposed oral examination.