

## PhD THESIS

1. If the PhD thesis has been approved by two External Foreign Evaluators and the committee constituted to ensure fulfilling the conditions( In case of conditional approval), as the case may be, the President shall, on the recommendation of the Chairman & Dean appoint a Viva Voce Committee to conduct the Viva-Voce of the student for the defense of his/her thesis. The composition of the Viva Voce Committee shall be as follows:

1	Chairman Viva Voce Committee	Chairman/Director/Head of the Department / Institute / Center In case the Head of the department is not Professor or Associate Professor or not holding PhD degree the Chairman of the Viva Voce Committee will be Dean of the Faculty
2	Member 1	Supervisor of the Student
3	Member 2	One Internal Examiner Senior Faculty member with PhD Qualification nominated by the Dean of the concerned faculty
4	Member 3	One External Examiner with PhD Qualification From the approved panel
5	Member 4	One Professor/Associate Professor nominated by the President from outside the Department /Faculty/ University

2. The quorum for the Committee meeting shall be three. The Viva Voce committee shall be approved by the President on the recommendation of the Chairman/Director/Head through the Dean.
3. After receiving evaluation reports from foreign evaluators the examination Department will send its copies along with personal file of the student to the Department / Institute / Center for arrangement of the Viva Voce.
4. The student will be required to present himself for the purpose of viva-voce of his thesis, at such place and on such date(s) and time as the University may direct and notify to him/her. She/he will be required to defend his/her thesis.
5. The PhD viva voce will be an open defense. The topic, date, time and place of Viva Voce will also be notified by the Chairman of Viva Voce Committee on Notice Boards as an invitation to all interested in the research and wanted to attend the viva voce.
6. A letter will also be written to the members of Viva Voce Committee and to the student conveying the schedule of Viva Voce. The copies of this letter will also send to concerned Dean, Director Academics and PS to President and Vice President (Academics).
7. The PhD student will be required to make a presentation of his/her research before the Viva Voce Committee and the audience.
8. If the thesis is declared acceptable but the student fails to satisfy the Viva-Voce Committee, the Committee may recommend to the Department/Institute/Center to permit the student to present the same thesis to a further oral examination within a period of one month.

9. In case the student fails to defend his/her thesis to the satisfaction of the Viva-Voce Committee in his second attempt, his/her candidature to PhD degree shall stand cancelled. However, she/he may apply for fresh admission in research thesis.
10. The procedure & rules for second Viva Voce Committee shall be the same as for the first one.
11. The decision of Viva Voce committee shall be communicated by the Chairman/Director/Head to Examination Department for notification.
12. The plagiarism , if suspected ( particularly in cases where electronic plagiarism check is not possible) , will be determined by the committee comprising the following:
 

a)	Dean	Chairman
b)	Chairman/Director of the Concerned Department/Institute/Center.	Member
c)	Supervisor of the student	Member
c)	One subject expert, out of the approved Panel of national experts, other than the Evaluators of the thesis.	Member
13. The plagiarism committee shall also be approved by the President on the Recommendation of Head/Chairman/Director through the Dean.
13. The quorum of the Committee shall be three.
  1. In case the plagiarism is proved, disciplinary action will be taken by the Examinations Department under the Regulations, with the approval of the President .
  2. In case a thesis is found to be a plagiarized version of another thesis, research work, etc. published or unpublished, his/her candidature for MS or PhD shall be cancelled and the student shall be debarred from admission to any programme of any Pakistani University.

In case the plagiarism is proved after the award of PhD degree, the degree will be cancelled/withdrawn retrospectively