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Deviation from policy				
Any deviation from policy will only be considered in the most exceptional circumstances. Enquiries should first go to the School GO, then (if necessary) to the Faculty GO and the AD for Graduate Education. If necessary, difficult cases can be referred to the AVP for GE/GEG.	1.5 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Policy 'should normally be followed'. Approval must be sought from appropriate Faculty Vice President and Dean.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	1
Any deviation from policy to be agreed in writing with the candidate before the exam.	1.5 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
The oral requirement				
For examination of resubmitted doctoral degree theses, examiners may waive the requirement to hold an oral if the recommendation is to award the degree and both/all examiners are in agreement.	3.3 (Doctoral policy only)	Examiners can waive the oral for a resubmitted thesis regardless of the recommendation.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	6
At first submission of a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) thesis, examiners may waive the requirement for the candidate to attend an oral examination if the recommendation is to award the degree and both/all examiners are in agreement.	3.1 (MPhil policy only)	The candidate is required to attend an oral examination unless both internal and external examiners agree to dispense with it.	Guidance for examiners of MPhil degree theses July 2005	6
For examination of resubmitted MPhil theses, examiners may waive the requirement to hold an oral examination if the recommendation is to award the degree and both/all examiners are in agreement.	3.3 (MPhil policy only)	No policy		

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The oral should be conducted in English	3.5 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
The candidate can only be examined upon material that is formally required for the degree for which he/she is being examined. Examiners cannot take into account anything that is not a formal requirement of the degree.	3.6 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy (not stated explicitly anywhere)		
An additional purpose of the oral is to enable the candidate to demonstrate a firm understanding of the field of research and thus give the examiners an opportunity to assess the candidate's broader knowledge of the field or discipline within which the thesis falls.	4.1iii Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Supervisor support of candidate's submission				
The candidate should seek the advice of the supervisor when the thesis is nearing a standard suitable for submission and when to give notice of submission. However, the supervisor's opinion is only advisory and the candidate may decide when to submit and if to follow the advice of the supervisor. Equally, the agreement of the supervisor to the submission of a thesis does not guarantee the award of the degree.	7.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		

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Where the supervisor advises a candidate against submitting their thesis, it is recommended that the supervisor gives written confirmation of this to the candidate with the reasons for advising against submission. The supervisor should keep a copy of the communication in the candidate's file.	7.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Disability				
Reasonable adjustments must be made to the examination to ensure that candidates with additional support needs are not disadvantaged for reasons relating to a long-term medical condition, sensory impairment, specific learning difficulty and/or disability.	8.1 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Taken from DSO policy		
Oral timeframe				
The oral must take place without undue delay, normally within eight weeks, and in no case beyond 12 weeks.	11.1 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	The oral examination should take place without undue delay, normally within two months of the receipt of the thesis by the appropriate Graduate Office, and in no case beyond three months.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	4
Candidates must be available to attend the oral examination from the time that the thesis is submitted. Candidates may only delay their oral examination in very exceptional circumstances and must apply to the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office for permission.	11.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
The appropriate School or Faculty graduate office is responsible for informing the candidate in writing of the date, time and location of the oral examination not less than ten working days before the examination.	11.3 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Not explicitly stated that the GO is responsible for informing the candidate - only states that the internal examiner should make arrangements to enable the GO to inform the candidate and external not less than 10 days in advance of the oral.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	4

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Attendance of other individuals at the oral				
Oral exams are automatically open to University staff, PGR students and the supervisor, but the candidate has the right to exclude any individual.	13.1 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Oral exams are not automatically open. The candidate can request staff and PGR students attend. Examiners can request that the supervisor attends subject to the agreement of the candidate.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	4
Examiners can exclude any individual that may jepodise the smooth running of the exam.	13.5 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	As above		
The candidate and/or examining panel should give sufficient notice to the graduate office if it is expected that other individuals will attend the exam to allow any objections to be raised in sufficient time and to enable the graduate office to make arrangements.	13.6 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Examiner nomination				
Completed nomination of examiners form must be returned within 10 working days of request from GO.	3.1 (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
In consultation with the candidate, supervisors should verify that the proposed examiners have not had a significant input into the project, a significant personal, financial or professional relationship with the candidate, or that there is no other good reason to doubt the suitability of the recommendation.	3.3 (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	Not explicitly stated that the supervisor should verify that the proposed examiners have not had any input into the project/involvement with the candidate, etc. States that the external examiner should declare any significant relationship with the candidate - see below.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	2.1b

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The supervisor must involve the candidate in examiner nominations.	4.1 (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
Candidates can appeal against an examiner nomination.	4.1 (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
External examiners				
It is the responsibility of the external examiner to disclose any significant personal, financial or professional relationship with the candidate.	6.1i (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	The External Examiner should be asked to declare any significant personal, financial or professional relationship with the candidate.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	2.1b
External examiners examining for the first time should have experience of supervising a research student and examining as an internal examiner.	6.1iii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
External examiners must not normally be invited to examine on a regular basis (more than once a year).	6.2iv (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	External examiners should not normally be invited to examine on a regular basis (more than once or twice a year).	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	2.1b
External examiners who have a close personal or professional relationship with the candidate's supervisor should be avoided to prevent a potential conflict of interest.	6.3ii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
Supervisors should not use the same external examiners for their students within a three year period, except with the express permission of the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office.	6.3iii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		

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Visiting academic members of staff may act as external examiners where they fulfil all of the other criteria for appointment.	6.3v (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
If the candidate is a member of staff of lecturer grade or above, two external examiners must be appointed. However, in cases where it proves difficult to appoint two external examiners, an internal examiner may be appointed instead of the additional external with the permission of the Faculty Associate Dean for Graduate Education.	6.3vi (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
If the candidate is a member of staff employed as a Clinical Research Fellow, two external examiners are not required, and the standard examining panel of an internal and external examiner should be appointed as normal.	6.3vii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
Where there are two external examiners and no internal examiner, an independent chair must be appointed to oversee the examination.	6.3x (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy - other than the candidate, no other individuals are required to be present in examinations that consist of external examiners only.		
Internal examiners				
An internal examiner must be familiar with University processes and procedures and specifically have knowledge of University regulations for the degree under examination and of University examinations policy	7.1iv (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
Schools should ensure that internal examiners have received adequate training and guidance in terms of induction to PGR examination standards	7.1vi-viii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		

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The internal must not be the candidate's supervisor or member of supervisory team under any circumstances	7.2i (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	The supervisor is permitted to act as internal examiner under exceptional circumstance with a more senior internal examiner also present	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	2.2b
The internal must not be a visiting member of staff	7.2iii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
In exceptional cases, retired academic members of staff fulfilling all other criteria may be selected as internal examiners as long as they are still active in research and have substantial involvement with the University.	7.3i (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
Honorary members of staff based at The University of Manchester may be appointed as internal examiners where they fulfil all of the other criteria for appointment.	7.3ii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
An additional internal examiner appointed in cases where there is an inexperienced internal examiner, is not required to have expertise in the work to be examined.	7.3iii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
In exceptional cases where the internal examiner does not meet policy criteria, two external examiners and an independent chair must be appointed.	7.3iv (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
Independent chairs				

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An independent chair may also be present at the oral.	9.2 of Doctoral/MPhil policy; 2.1 & 8.1 of Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy	No policy		
Where there are two external examiners and no internal examiner, an independent chair must be appointed to oversee the examination.	8.1i (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
An IC can also be appointed at the request of the internal and/or external examiner if they anticipate difficulties or need guidance with the exam; at the request of the school or faculty to ensure fairness, compliance with policy; or if there are issues with the research/supervision/candidate.	8.1ii-iv (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
A senior academic member of staff in the School or Faculty is responsible for identifying whether or not an independent chair is required and for selecting a suitable individual under policy criteria. The candidate does not have any say in the decision to involve an independent chair nor in the selection of the individual.	8.1 (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
An IC must be an academic member of staff at UoM at the grade of Senior Lecturer or its equivalent or above; be familiar with University processes and procedures and specifically have knowledge of University regulations for the degree under examination and of University examinations policy; have substantial previous experience of the postgraduate research degree oral examination as an examiner; have experience in the supervision of students studying for the degree being examined; have previous experience of chairing meetings.	8.2i-v (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		

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An IC must not be the candidate's supervisor, a member of the supervisory team or have played any significant part in the project or the assessment of the candidate (eg, in formal progress reviews).	8.2vi (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
Duties of an IC: attend the pre-oral meeting; oversee the oral examination; ensure confidentiality of the oral; ensure actions required of the candidate and the examiners are clear and understood; request examiners complete and return the relevant written reports; request that any minor corrections are detailed in reports; if a referral is recommended, to request that the examiners complete a separate statement; advise examiners, the candidate and other parties on University policy and regulations.	8.3i-vi (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
The IC is not required to have any knowledge of the thesis or the discipline area.	8.4i (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
The IC receives a copy of the thesis for information purposes only. He/she is not expected to read the thesis in detail.	8.4ii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
The IC must attend the pre-oral meeting and have access to pre-oral report forms.	8.4iii (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
The IC is present to ensure quality assurance of examination procedures and should not be involved in or contribute to the assessment of the thesis candidate.	8.4iv (Nomination of Examiners & ICs Policy)	No policy		
Thesis submission				

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An electronic copy of the thesis must be submitted and the two paper copies must be printed from the electronic submission (electronic submission implementation date TBC).	15.1 & 26.3 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Examiners should not normally take longer than eight weeks to read and assess the thesis and write their pre-oral examination reports.	14.4 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
If the thesis submitted for examination has been poorly written or presented, examiners are not permitted to return the thesis to the candidate for amendment after the thesis has been formally submitted.	14.5 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
If candidates wish to have continued access to facilities leading up to the oral examination, they must contact the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office who will arrange short-term temporary access to facilities.	14.6 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
The Pre-Oral Report Form				
It is mandatory that examiners each complete a Pre-Oral Report Form, but the report does not have to be submitted until after the oral. (NB: It is good practice to request the forms are returned before the oral.) Examiners must exchange copies before or at the pre-oral meeting	15.1-15.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Pre oral reports should be submitted.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	8

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Candidates are entitled to see the completed pre-oral form after the recommendation has been approved.	15.3 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Candidates have the right to access examiner reports under the Data Protection Act	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	13
The pre-oral meeting				
The pre-oral meeting is mandatory	16.1 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Examiners should confer before the oral	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	8
The internal examiner (or other nominated person) is responsible for making the practical arrangements for the pre-oral meeting.	16.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Sufficient time should be allocated for the meeting and the internal examiner or nominated person must arrange the attendance of the supervisor, if required.	16.3 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
If it is not possible to meet in person, the pre oral meeting can be conducted by other means (eg: video link).	16.4 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
The oral examination				

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In very exceptional circumstances, the oral can take place outside the UoM with the permission of the Faculty Associate Dean for GE.	18.1iv Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Exams have to be held at the UoM.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	9b
Candidates can take a copy of their thesis and notes into the oral	18.1vi Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
The internal examiner or independent chair must give an opportunity for a break if the oral is anticipated to last more than two hours, provided that this does not disadvantage the candidate.	18.xv Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	The oral examination should run for as long as may be necessary for it to serve its proper purpose, allowing short breaks if necessary/requested.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	9i
Examiner report forms				
Completed examiners' reports (pre-oral and joint Examiners Report Form) must be submitted to the GO within three days of the oral exam [so that every recommendation can be checked].	20.6 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Where an oral is not held, the completed Examiners Report Form must be returned to the GO within eight weeks of the thesis first being sent to the examiners.	20.7 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		

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Candidates are entitled to see all completed examiner reports after the recommendation has been approved. Candidate must request copies in writing to the GO	21.1 & 21.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Candidates have the right to access examiner reports under the Data Protection Act	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	13
Examiner disagreement - new procedure				
The candidate must be informed that the examiners have been unable to reach a decision	22.1i Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
If examiners disagree, they must submit separate Examiner Report Forms to the GO within three days of the oral	20.4 & 22.1ii Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Examiner disagreement must be taken to PGR panel and the internal examiner invited to attend. The external examiner should be approached for his/her views prior to the meeting.	22.1iii Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
If agreement is not reach at the panel meeting, the panel may appoint one or more new examiners or determine other action. Additional examiners must not be told the identity of original examiners or their recommendations	22.1iv Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		

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Recommendations				
Under Aii (award subject to minor corrections), the examiners must return their report form with list of corrections to the GO immediately after the oral. The GO will pass the list of corrections to the candidate once the recommendation is approved by PGR panel/chair's action. The internal examiner must confirm with the GO that minor corrections have been completed before the recommendation can be fully confirmed and released to the candidate.	23.1.2 & 26.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	It is expected that corrections will be carried out by the candidate and signed off by the internal before the thesis is returned to the appropriate Graduate Office and before the Examiners' Report is considered by the appropriate Committee.	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	10.1b
Written confirmation from the internal examiner that corrections have been satisfactorily completed must be received by the GO within four weeks of the candidate being sent the list of corrections by the GO. The candidate must be available to complete minor corrections as part of their responsibilities in the exam process. In very exceptional circumstances, the candidate may apply to the GO for permission to submit the corrected thesis after four weeks. Candidates who submit late without permission can be charged the late submission fee.	23.1.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Four week deadline in place from the date the candidate receives minor corrections, but no indication of exactly when the deadline ends. No policy on late submission of minor corrections	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	10.1b
For recommendations B(ii) and B(iii), the examiners may later, if in joint agreement and if their recommendation is to award the degree, dispense with the oral examination after assessment of the resubmitted thesis.	23.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
For recommendations Bi and Bii, the referral period has been reduced to six months	23.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	For Bi and Bii, the referral period is one year	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	10.2a

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For Ciii (reject for doctorate but resubmit for a MPhil) the referral period has been reduced to six months	23.3 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	For Ciii, the referral period is one year	Guidance for Examiners of Research Degree Theses July 2005	10.2b
Approval of recommendations/final submission/results				
Recommendation B (iii) and C(i)-C(iv) will normally be considered by the PGR degrees panel. The internal examiner and, in some cases, the supervisor should be invited to attend the meeting.	25.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
The recommendation is provisional until approved by PGR panel or Chair's action. The recommendation is released to the candidate after panel approval [examiners are permitted to communicate the provisional recommendation before this time, but must emphasise it is provisional until formal approval].	25.1 & 26.1 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
For Aii, the internal examiner must confirm satisfactory completion of minor corrections before a recommendation can be approved.	26.2 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Results will not be formally published until the final thesis is submitted electronically and two hard bound copies (printed from the electronic copy) are submitted to the GO. Hardbound copies of the thesis must be submitted within 10 working days of the release of the approved recommendation from the GO.	26.3 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		

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A School or Faculty may impose the late submission fee to candidates who submit the hardbound copies of the thesis after 10 days unless the candidate has obtained prior permission to submit late.	26.4 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	No policy		
Graduation				
A degree will not be conferred upon a candidate with outstanding debt outstanding to the University.	27.3 Examination of Doctoral/MPhil Degrees Policy	Taken from SSC policy		
Posthumous awards - see Posthumous Award of PGR Degrees Policy				
A PGR degree may be awarded in the event of the death of the candidate under certain conditions.	2 - Posthumous Award of PGR Degrees Policy	No policy		
Resubmission & Re-examination				
The candidate must meet with their supervisor after receiving the examiners' statement in order to discuss preparations for the corrections. The candidate should be advised to consult with the internal examiner if further clarification is required on the examiners' statement of corrections.	3.1 - Resubmission & Re-Examination of PGR Degrees Policy	No policy		

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Regular contact should be maintained between the supervisor and the candidate throughout the resubmission period. The frequency of meetings will be determined by the nature and extent of the work required as detailed by the examiners in their statement and should be agreed in advance by the supervisor and candidate.	3.2 - Resubmission & Re-Examination of PGR Degrees Policy	No policy		
The examination of a resubmitted thesis should normally be undertaken by the original examiners. Where this is not possible, replacement examiners must be selected and approved following the procedure detailed in the University's Nomination of Examiners & Independent Chairs for Postgraduate Research Degree Examinations Policy.	6.1 - Resubmission & Re-Examination of PGR Degrees Policy	No policy		
Examiners will be sent the resubmitted thesis with the original examiners' report and statement of corrections and a new Pre-Oral Examination Report Form (if an oral examination is to be held) and Examiners' Report Form (Resubmission). New examiners may request to see a copy of the original thesis, if required.	6.2 - Resubmission & Re-Examination of PGR Degrees Policy	No policy		
In cases where the candidate has resubmitted a thesis that has not been adequately corrected in accordance with examiners' instructions, it is not permitted to return of the thesis to a candidate for further amendment after the thesis has been formally submitted.	6.3 - Resubmission & Re-Examination of PGR Degrees Policy	No policy		

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When conducting the examination of a resubmitted thesis, examiners should pay attention to the manner in which the candidate has revised the thesis in response to the original statement of corrections. If a thesis has not been adequately corrected, the thesis may be rejected and any further examination of the thesis will not be permitted. Examiners may only make new recommendations on material that has been added since first submission and which were not previously raised in the first submission.	6.5 - Resubmission & Re-Examination of PGR Degrees Policy	No policy		