

Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts - VIVA EXAMINER'S REPORT FORM

Each examiner should complete and return this report form to the Ph.D. candidate's Research Advisor one week before the date of the oral examination. Individual examiners should not consult each other in completing this report. This report will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed to the Ph.D. candidate. Following the VIVA, the examiners will be asked to also complete an appendix with information (suggestions, feedback, corrections to be made, etc.) to be passed to the Ph.D. candidate; it is upon them to include (parts of) this form therein.

Name of Student:

Title of Thesis:

Name of Examiner:

Email of Examiner:

Phone of Examiner:

Instructions:

When completing the form, you may want to consult the following specified objectives and their respective criteria.

Disciplinary grounding

Is the theoretical and scientific basis described well enough so that the work is in line with the state of the art in the respective field?

Theoretical insight

Do the thesis and the research work described therein demonstrate that the Ph.D. candidate has an advanced level of knowledge of the theory and methods in their field in general and in the area of their specialization?

Description of objectives

Are the objectives, the research questions, the research goals, and any research hypotheses presented in a clear and understandable manner?

Level of skill

Does the candidate have command of the relevant scientific or art/design-led methods and do they use them in a suitable and integrated manner?

Execution

Does the work demonstrate creativity and/or contribute to new knowledge/innovation? Does the work appear extensive? How do you assess the quality and importance of the new knowledge/new results generated in this body work?

Analysis and discussion

Is the analysis, interpretation/synthesis and discussion academically grounded and justified and clearly linked to the issue addressed ? Is the relevant discussion at a high disciplinary level?

Critical reflection

Does the candidate provide a reasonable assessment of the significance of the results? Is the candidate critical to various sources of information as well as to their own methodologies? Are uncertainties, methodological errors, measurement errors, and other sources of error properly accounted for? Are any ethical issues properly outlined and addressed?

Own contribution/achievements

Does the candidate clearly distinguish their own contribution from those of others? To what degree does the conclusion present how far the objectives were reached? Is there a reasonable and substantiated discussion of how the research could be followed up by the candidate or others?

Structure

Does the written thesis follow a proper logical structure that supports the research and the ideas discussed therein? Are any supporting digital assets (code, photos, artwork documentations, data, etc) properly enumerated, presented, and discussed in the written part. Is the research work generally well-arranged and well-presented?

Language

Does the candidate address their research and results with the necessary academic precision? Does the thesis adhere to the academic writing style standards? Are there any typos, colloquialisms, or other problems with the text?

Examiner's report

Is this thesis an original work that makes a significant contribution to knowledge or understanding in the relevant field of study?

Does the thesis demonstrate adequate knowledge of the field of study and relevant literature?

Does the thesis demonstrate the exercise of critical judgement with regard to both the Ph.D. candidate's work and that of other scholars in the same general field?

Are the research methods and the methodological frameworks introduced in this thesis properly accounted for; are they deemed as valid academic approaches?

Are the results of this body of research properly presented, accounted for, and analysed?

Is the thesis a coherent body of work that presents the results of the research in a critical and scholarly way?

Does the thesis contain a significant amount of material worthy of publication or public presentation?

Is the overall structure, writing style, and presentation of the written thesis adequate and does it meet academic standards?

Examiner's comments and requested corrections, amendments and/or major revisions the student should be required to make

Verdict: Should the Ph.D. Candidate be awarded a Ph.D. degree

YES After Minor Revisions After Major Revisions NO

Please make suggestions for minor or major revisions if applicable:

Date:

Examiner's Name and Signature:

Note: The VIVA EXAMINER'S REPORT FORM was approved by the Department Council on 23/09/2020 and has been in force since the day of the approval.