



FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / MASTER (BY RESEARCH)
CANDIDATURE DEFENSE

ASSESSMENT FORM

A. Details																
Name of Candidate :																
Registration No. :			Field of Research :													
Department :																
Title of Thesis / Dissertation :																
B. An evaluation should be based on the rating scales.																
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No	Criterion	1	2	3	4	5										
1.	General introduction to the research project.	1	2	3	4	5										
2.	Clarity of research problem.	1	2	3	4	5										
3.	Clarity of research objectives.	1	2	3	4	5										
4.	Significance of research.	1	2	3	4	5										
5.	Relevancy of literature review.	1	2	3	4	5										
6.	Proposed solution for research problem.	1	2	3	4	5										
<i>(Please use the reverse side for any additional comments)</i>																
C. Overall Recommendation																
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, and proceed with research.			<input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory, and require to present again in the next semester.													
<input type="checkbox"/> Fail, and converted into a Master nomination (for PhD candidates).			<input type="checkbox"/> Fail, and candidature terminated.													
D. Other Comments / Suggestions																
E. Approval by Assessor																
Name:																
Signature:																
Date:																

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GUIDELINES FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY / MASTER (BY RESEARCH)
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Goals of Candidature Defense

- Help students to articulate their research ideas and plans.
- Demonstrate that the research ideas are clearly defined, properly motivated, grounded in the literature, and conceptually sound.
- Ensure proposed models and methods are appropriate and feasible within the constraints of the degree program.
- Confirm that the student has the skills necessary to carry out the proposed work.
- Show there is likely to be sufficient original content in the proposed work to meet the requirements of the degree program.

The ultimate purpose of assessing candidature defense is for all parties (i.e., the student, supervisor, and panel) to reassure themselves that the proposed research is worthwhile, meaningful, viable and feasible, within the time and resource constraints of the program.

Faculty Requirements

1. The Candidature Defense is required for all students registered at University of Malaya for Master degree (by research) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).
2. The Candidature Defense shall be held not later than six (6) months after registration for Master candidates and twelve (12) months for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidates.

Faculty Guidelines

1. The date and time for the Candidature Defense shall be arranged by the office of the Deputy Dean (Postgraduate).
2. Each candidate shall be given 20 minutes to present his/her work, followed by 15 minutes of question-and-answer session, and 5 minutes for the Panel to summarize the comments.
3. The presentation should include:
 - a. General introduction to the research project.
 - b. Clarity of research problem.
 - c. Clarity of research objectives.
 - d. Significance of research.
 - e. Relevancy of literature review.
 - f. Proposed solution for research problem.
4. The presentation shall be assessed by a Panel of Assessors (appointed by the Head of Department):
 - One (1) assessor from the Department.
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PANEL RECOMMENDATION

A. Details	
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Title of Project :	
B. Final Recommendation	
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C. Other Comments / Suggestions	
D. Panel Verification	
Lecturer (1)	Lecturer (2)
Name:	Name:
Signature:	Signature:
Stamp:	Stamp:
Date:	Date:

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