

THESIS VIVA

This guide addresses the period between the submission of your thesis and the day of your viva. It offers ideas to help you perform calmly and confidently in your .

Increasingly, high schools are requiring students to complete a senior project or senior thesis on a chosen topic during the final year as a prerequisite for graduation. The examiners may or may not offer comments on the thesis at this stage and candidates should not interpret a lack of comments at this point as a negative sign. It's a focused discussion giving you the opportunity to defend your PhD thesis in front of a panel of academic experts. Where did your research-project come from? Answer your questions succinctly a rough guideline is 2 to 3 minutes each - no minute diatribes! I also placed some of the question and answers inside the thesis, and referenced it with page numbers on this 1 page double page notes document that I decided I would take into the thesis parts of this double page notes document can be seen in the image at the top of this post. In some countries or institutions, the convention is for thesis defences to be public events where you will give a lecture explaining your research, followed by a discussion with a panel of examiners opponents. Just because they ask a lot of questions doesn't mean you're going to fail. Reading the thesis is one way of doing this, but the oral examination allows the examiners to: examine the general field within which the thesis lies; discuss the thesis in detail; explore the ideas and the theories proposed in the thesis; clarify any points of ambiguity; and satisfy themselves that the thesis is your own work

Preparing for your viva The oral examination is an important part of the examination process and you should prepare carefully, enlisting some help from your supervisor. If you had to start the thesis again, what would you do differently? This examination normally occurs after the dissertation is finished but before it is submitted to the university, and may comprise a presentation often public by the student and questions posed by an examining committee or jury. In speaking aloud you force yourself to put your responses, clarifications, and deliberations into words. The undergraduate thesis is called skripsi, while the doctoral dissertation is called disertasi. Who are the key names in this area? North America[edit] In North America, the thesis defense or oral defense is the final examination for doctoral candidates, and sometimes for master's candidates. For example, if everyone's been concentrating on speed, but the real issue is space if the issue is time, you can just wait it out unless it's combinatorially explosive , but if the issue is space, the system could fall over. How did you develop your research questions? How long-term are these contributions? I also read the thesis again but this time missing some chapters. How did it work out? Do the findings confirm, extend, or challenge any of the literature? Think out a succinct answer 2 to 5 minutes.