

## **CRITERIA FOR EXAMINATION OF DOCTORAL THESIS AND THE EXAMINER'S REPORT**

The Thesis should be assessed, amongst other things, by the following:

1. The clarity with which the research question/problem is stated and the scope of the study defined.
2. The appropriateness of the theoretical or conceptual framework to the investigation.
3. The appropriateness of the methodology in relation to the research question/problem.
4. The precision and consistency with which key terminology is used.
5. The depth of the critical assessment of the relevant literature.
6. The capacity to demonstrate a link between the literature review and the research question/problem.
7. The degree of skill in constructing arguments and sustaining a position throughout the thesis.
8. The level of competency in considering possible objections to the position advanced in the thesis.
9. The high degree of proficiency in using rigorous argument.
10. The careful and accurate presentation of the scholarly apparatus.
11. The originality and the level of contribution made to the understanding of the subject.
12. The suitability of a substantial amount of the material for publication.
13. A clear statement of the conclusions reached.
14. The conclusions are justified by the arguments presented.
15. An ability to relate the conclusions of the study to the wider discipline.