DEGREE COMMITTEE (DC) PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY - INTRO

WHO	17 academics - representatives of all departments, plus secretary			
	Among others:	More info? Website links:		
	 Admission 	http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/		
RESPONSIBILITIES	 Allowances 			
	 Appointment of supervisors and examiners 			
	 Examination results 			
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PhD EXAM – GENERAL INFO

BEFORE YOU	We strongly advise you to familiarise yourself with:	More info:
START WRITING	General Regulations for the PhD	http://www.dcesg.physsci.cam.ac.uk/current-student/phd/phdregs
YOUR THESIS	Code of Practice for Research Degrees	
	 good practice in research and the avoidance of 	http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/new-students/manage-your-student-
	plagiarism	information/graduate-students/code
	word limits	
	your submission deadline	http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/your-course/examinations/graduate-
		exam-information/submitting-and-examination/phd-msc-mlitt/research

SUBMISSION PREPARATION

TIME	ACTION	WHO	WHERE
First of all	Plan your write-up and submission timetable	Student	Further info:
	Get drafts read by your supervisor		http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/your-
	Make sure you have followed the thesis format rules		course/examinations/graduate-exam-
			information/submitting-and-examination/phd-msc-
			mlitt/prepare
			and
			http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/graduatestuden
			ts/PhD/phdregs

About 2-3 months	Apply for appointment of examiners using form on DC website. Also	Student	Application form:
before submission	use this form to declare a disability.		http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/graduatestuden
	(If you wait till you submit your dissertation, your examination will		ts/PhD/phd-submit
	be delayed)		
	DC approaches your supervisor for details of proposed examiners	Supervisor & DC	
	DC and Department consider examiner nominations	DC & Dept	
	DC appoints examiners	DC	
	(you will be notified when this happens)		
Just before you	You will need two soft-bound copies of your thesis. For advice on	Student	Further info:
submit	binding contact the Graduate Union		http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/your-
			course/examinations/graduate-exam-
			information/submitting-and-examination/phd-msc-
			mlitt/submit#softbound
When to submit	 not before the first day of your 9th full-time (15th part-time) 	Student	You may submit earlier if you have been granted an
	term for the PhD		exemption of research terms.
	• you are allowed no more than 4 years from the time of your		
	admission		Further info:
	Your 'end of registration date' by which time you are expected		http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/graduatestuden
	to submit is shown on your CamSIS record		ts/PhD/phdsubmitting
			Information on extending end date:
			http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/graduatestuden
			<u>ts/extension</u>

SUBMISSION & VIVA

Submission day	There are a number of things that need to be included with and in the dissertation – the Student Registry website is the best place to check (includes a link to more info about Restricting Access to your dissertation)	Student	MORE INFO: http://www.cambridgestudents.cam.ac.uk/your- course/examinations/graduate-exam- information/submitting-and-examination/phd-msc- mlitt/submit
	Take the two soft-bound copies of your thesis and accompanying	Student	4 Mill Lane
	documents to Student Registry		Cambridge, CB2 1RZ
Next couple of	Student Registry records receipt of your thesis on CamSIS and sends	Student Registry	
days after your	the copies to the Degree Committee office (this can take up to 10		
submission	days at busy times)		
Thesis is delivered	DC sends off the copies to both examiners provided they have been	DC	
to the DC office	appointed		

Before the viva	The Internal Examiner is in charge of arranging the oral in	Internal	MORE INFO:
	Cambridge – he/she contacts both the student and the External	Examiner	http://www.dcesg.physsci.cam.ac.uk/current-
	Examiner.		student/phd/phdoral
	If you have not heard from your examiners within 6 weeks, let us		
	know.		
The viva day	Good luck!!		

AFTER THE VIVA

Right after the	The Examiners might (but don't have to) give you their proposed	Both Examiners	
viva	result. If they suggest any corrections, they might provide you with the list.		
	The Internal Examiner sends all examination reports to the DC office	Internal	
		Examiner	
DC meeting	When a full set of reports have been received the Degree	DC	DATES OF THE MEETINGS for 2016-17:
	Committee considers them and <i>recommends</i> an outcome to the		http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/PCmeetingdate
	Board of Graduate Studies		<u>s201617.pdf/view</u>
BGS meeting	The Board of Graduate Studies is the awarding body for the PhD	BGS	DATES OF THE MEETINGS for 2016-17:
	Degree – right after their meeting, they will send you a letter with		http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/PCmeetingdate
	their decision.		<u>s201617.pdf/view</u>
			MORE INFO ON WHAT RESULTS ARE POSSIBLE & WHAT TO DO:
			http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/graduatestuden
			ts/PhD/phdpostviva
	Student takes appropriate action depending on the outcome of the	Student	MORE INFO:
	examination		http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/graduatestuden
			ts/PhD/phdpostviva
If approved with	Submit a single hard-bound copy of the final version of your thesis	Student	4 Mill Lane
no corrections OR	to BGS along with a hard bound thesis declaration		Cambridge, CB2 1RZ
after any			
corrections are			MORE INFO:
checked and			http://www.dcpc.physsci.cam.ac.uk/graduatestuden
signed off			ts/PhD/phdpostviva/phdhardbound
Graduation	Contact your College to make graduation arrangements	Student	