(a) Accepted with Distinction: When all or most of the research findings have either been published or accepted for publication in citation-indexed journals, and requires minimal improvement in spelling, grammar and syntax.

* A student whose thesis is accepted with distinction is given fifteen (15) days after receiving the final report of the examination to submit a soft-bound copy of the amended version and a Text Similarity Search Report to the School for endorsement by the Senate.

(b) Accepted with Minor Modifications: If it requires any of the following:
- Reformating of chapters,
- Revision of literature,
- Improvement in declaration of research objectives or statements,
- Insertion of missing references, amendment of inaccurately cited references,
- Other essential improvements including improvements in spelling, grammar and syntax.

* A student whose thesis is accepted with minor modifications is given thirty (30) days after receiving the final report of the examination to submit a soft-bound copy of the amended version and a Text Similarity Search Report to the School for endorsement by the Senate.

(c) Accepted with Major Modifications: If it requires any of the following but not additional experimental work or data collection:
- Extensive revision of the entire thesis to improve quality such as major improvement in description of methodology,
- Statistical re-analysis of research data,
- Removal of research chapter(s),
- And re-discussion of results, and including improvements in spelling, grammar and syntax.

* A student whose thesis is accepted with major modifications is given sixty (60) days after receiving the final report of the examination to submit a soft-bound copy of the amended version and a Text Similarity Search Report to the School for endorsement by the Senate.

(d) Oral Re-examination (Re-viva voce): If the candidate fails his viva voce, a second and final oral re-examination is to be conducted within 60 days after the date of the first viva voce.

(e) Re-submission of Thesis: If it does not meet the following:
- The scope of the degree for which it is intended.
- The objectives of the research are not met and/or where there are obvious flaws in the experimental design and/or methodology.
- And therefore, requires additional experimental work or data collection.

*Note: Re-submission of the corrected thesis must be made within a period of not more than two (2) semesters / one (1) year. The candidate must continue to be a registered student of the University.

(f) Resubmission of a PhD Thesis as a Masters Thesis: If the thesis does not meet the scope of a doctoral thesis but is adequate for a masters degree. All amendments recommended must be made and the thesis resubmitted to the School for examination as Masters thesis within 60 days of the viva voce.

*Note: Thesis will be re-examined as a Masters thesis.

(g) Rejection of Thesis (Fail): If the thesis fails to meet the requirements of PhD or Masters academic level or found to have been plagiarised.
Tips on How to Conduct Viva Voice

For Examiners

Do's:
1. Adopt a "developmental" approach to questioning.
2. Phrase questions that the candidate understands.
3. Questioning could include reference to achievements eg. This is a current topic of interest to the scientific world. However, this section speaks complexly, Can you explain this part?
4. Allow the student to take a break if necessary.
5. Be willing to listen and consider new views.
6. Give advice to enhance the thesis content.
7. Consider that the viva constitutes both assessment and feedback.
8. Do not pass judgement but also provide clear guidance to assist the candidate to achieve the standards you are expecting.

Don'ts:
1. Be confrontational.
2. Justify ideas and conclusion.
3. Present ideas firmly but courteously.
4. Do not become argumentative.
5. Students can agree to disagree, but it should be substantiated.
6. Be able to tolerate and accept criticism.
7. Demonstrate ability to participate in the intellectual discourse.

For Chairperson of Viva Voice

The main role of the Chairperson is to moderate the viva voice and submit a report of the examination to the School of Graduate Studies within 7 working days from date of the viva voice.

Do's:
1. Do commit to the appointment as Chairperson and avoid relinquishing this role at the last minute.
2. When the viva date is confirmed, please adhere to the date as a change in the date will increase the level of anxiety, stress and apprehension to the student.
3. Review the examiner's reports.
4. Read and understand the categories of the outcome of the examination.

Don'ts:
1. Do not act as one of the examiners.
2. Do not present the recommendations of the examiners without their agreement.

Criteria of Examination:
1. Qualitative study conducted and written thesis presented for evaluation.
3. The student must pass both the written thesis and the oral defence.