

## Policy on Use of External Examiners

Wherever possible an external examiner should be present, on the Trent campus, for all thesis defence examinations. In situations where it is not possible to have an external examiner attend in person, programs are encouraged to use video or audio conferencing. In extraordinary situations, for a Master's degree only, where neither in person, nor video, nor audio conference examinations are possible, an external examiner may be asked to review the thesis and to provide a detailed written assessment of the thesis and questions that will be asked during the defence by the examination Chair. Where none of the above is possible, the Program may petition the Dean for permission to use a second internal examiner, in lieu of an external examiner, for Master's degrees only.

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