

## **Instructions to the external reviewer during public defense of doctoral thesis/licentiate seminar**

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- The public defense/licentiate seminar is initiated by the external reviewer giving a detailed account of the thesis (approx. 30 minutes)
- It is important that the author of the thesis get communicative space during the defense/licentiate seminar
- The main focus should be on the scientific quality of the thesis, but it is also important to review its communicative aspects
- Emphasis should be laid on if and how the thesis leads to progress within the area of research
- All parts of the thesis, as well as the relation between the parts, are subject to evaluation by the external reviewer
- It is important that the external reviewer brings out both the strong and weak sides of the thesis
- The external reviewer ends the discussion with a summarizing evaluation lasting about one page which is read aloud. The summarizing evaluation should display how the external reviewer values the work and the most important reasons for the evaluation