

Instructions for the external reviewer at a licentiate seminar and public defence of a doctoral thesis

- The public defence/licentiate seminar begins with the external reviewer giving a detailed account of the text. This should take about 30 minutes.
- It is important that the author of the thesis should be given time to respond and speak during the public defence/seminar.
- Naturally, the focus should be on the scholarly quality of the thesis, but it is also important to examine its communicative aspects.
- Great emphasis should be placed on whether and how the thesis contributes to research in the field.
- It is essential that all parts of the thesis should be reviewed during the public defence/seminar (introduction, purpose, background, theory, method/analysis, results and discussion).
- The relationship between the different parts of the thesis must be reviewed.
- It is important to highlight both the strengths and weaknesses of the thesis.
- The external reviewer ends their discussion by reading out a summarising assessment (about one A4 page long). The summary must explain how the reviewer has assessed the thesis and the main reasons for the assessment.