

Viva voce advice for examiners

UWA has recently introduced a viva voce examination for students undertaking a PhD degree. The following is a brief overview of the process and examiner requirements. More detailed information will be provided to you after agreeing to examine the thesis and attend the viva voce.

You may attend the viva voce either in person or via videoconference. If attending in person, UWA provides you with the following:

- » Economy travel to and from Perth
- » Up to two nights accommodation (additional nights should be discussed with the UWA school hosting the visit)
- » An additional \$200 honorarium to cover sundry expenses.

If you are participating by videoconference you will be contacted prior to the day to make arrangements.

You will be required to provide a written report of the thesis prior to the viva voce that will be used to assess if the thesis is of sufficient standard or needs to be revised prior to the viva voce. Your report will be provided to the student, their supervisors, and the viva voce examination chair prior to the viva voce. You will receive a copy of the other examiner's report.

The viva voce itself is a closed meeting, with only the student, examiners and chair present. It generally takes ~2-3 hours and includes a short (~10 minute) presentation by the student rather than a full seminar.

Examination timeline

Week 0	Submission of thesis
Week 6	Examiner written reports on thesis received
Week 8	Approval for student to go to viva voce and circulation of reports
Weeks 8-12	Viva voce takes place