



These are brief guidelines on the examination process for the degrees of MA, MSc and LL.M by Research. They are intended to provide helpful information for research students, their supervisors, and the examiners, and should be read in conjunction with the relevant sections of the



The external examiner will normally be an experienced member of another university qualified (i) to assess the thesis within its own field and (ii) compare its quality with work of research degree standard at other British universities.

The external examiner(s) should normally

- be competent in the area of work being examined
- be experienced in research, including having published
- be experienced in the examination of research students.

The external examiner will normally be a senior academic from another institution, but from time to





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the work to be done. If

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Students are not entitled to appeal against an academic judgement. However, it is recognised by the University that there are non-academic elements to assessment judgments which might have adversely affected the outcome and that there are occasions where students may wish to appeal against an assessment outcome on such grounds. Full details of the grounds under which students may lodge an appeal and of the appeals process are provided in MARP in the section [Academic Appeals](#)