

## Special Measures for Report Presentation and Thesis Oral Defence Procedures of Postgraduate Programmes (Applicable to PhD and Master's Students)

For the purpose of assisting students who are unable to return to Macao for conducting the report presentation and thesis oral defence on campus due to the pandemic, and to ensure that the affected students have the equal right to be assessed by way of report presentation and thesis oral defence, the University of Macau (UM) has formulated the following measures for eligible students to conduct online report presentations and thesis oral defence.

- 1. In accordance with the border entry measures set by the Macau S.A.R. government, students who are prohibited from entry to Macau can apply for online report presentation or online oral defence. The applicants must specify the urgency and significance for online report presentation or online oral defence.
- 2. PhD students who apply for online oral defence have to obtain the confirmation on the eligibility for oral defence from the PhD Advisory Committee and the unanimous endorsement by all oral defence examination committee members. With the endorsement from the Academic/Pedagogic Council of the academic unit concerned, the Graduate School will submit the applications to the Vice Rector (Academic Affairs) for final approval.
- 3. Master's students who apply for online report presentation or online oral defence have to obtain the confirmation on the eligibility for oral defence from the supervisor and the unanimous endorsement by all oral defence examination committee members. With the endorsement from the Academic Council of the academic unit concerned, the Graduate School will submit the applications to the Vice Rector (Academic Affairs) for final approval.



- 4. To ensure the quality of the video and I.T. equipment for the examination committee members, the approved online report presentation or online oral defence must be held in the designated meeting room, which is equipped with video-conferencing facilities, in the Centre for Teaching and Learning Enhancement (CTLE). Working personnel from Graduate School will provide assistance on site. The candidate must also declare and ensure the availability of appropriate video and I.T. equipment for online report presentation or online oral defence.
- 5. To ensure that the candidate answers the committee by himself/herself and by his/her own efforts throughout the course of the online report presentation or online oral defence, the candidate must connect to internet 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the online report presentation or online oral defence and to ensure smooth connection throughout the whole course. Before the presentation or oral defence, the candidate must show the examination committee members that he/she is alone in a room and also show his/her face, shoulders, arms and hands (upper body) while the presentation or oral defence is in progress.
- 6. The academic unit should provide real-time broadcast in a designated classroom. Questions and comments are allowed.
- 7. UM will record the entire process of online report presentation and online oral defence. No other parties are allowed to make video recordings.