

# WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE THE DEFENSE HALL AND WHAT DO JURY MEMBERS LOOK FOR DURING YOUR DEFENSE?

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# WHAT HAPPENS INSIDE THE DEFENSE HALL?

1. You enter the defense hall and see your jury members sitting there waiting for you.
2. You greet them and introduce yourself.
3. They ask you to present your thesis.
4. You have 20 minutes to present your thesis. You should use PowerPoint for your presentation. The presentation is a summary of your thesis. You should briefly outline all the sections of your thesis: the introduction, the analysis chapters and the conclusion.
5. After you finish your presentation, the jury members will take turns to ask you questions. Your answers to their questions should show that you have mastered your topic, should include details, should be logical, and should include examples from the works you analyzed in it.
6. After you answer all their questions, they ask you to leave the defense hall so that they could discuss your result in private.
7. You wait outside the hall until they call you back in.
8. You step back into the defense hall and wait for their announcement.
9. They announce your result.

# WHAT DO JURY MEMBERS LOOK FOR DURING YOUR DEFENSE?

(Apart from their assessment of your thesis / dissertation)



- Your mastery of your topic
- Your fluency
- Your presentation
- The relevance, quality and clarity your answers
- The details and examples you provide
- Your acquaintance with the texts you have analyzed
- Your acquaintance with the research paper you submitted
- Your acquaintance with the theories you applied.
- Your communication skills
- Your attitude
- Your body language