3.1.2.6 Doctoral Qualifying Examination (QE)

All doctoral candidates must satisfy the following conditions before proceeding to the QE:

Complete a minimum of five modules with a minimum CAP of 3.50 (some Departments may require students to complete more modules);

- Where applicable, pass the Graduate English Course (conducted by the Centre for English Language Communication) at intermediate level; and,
- Other Departmental requirements.

The QE comprises:

- Comprehensive examinations;
- An oral defence of the thesis proposal; and
- Other Departmental requirements.

Students should pass the QE no later than the 24th month from the date of commencement of the candidature. A second attempt may be allowed, subject to the approval of the Department, for those who fail the QE in their first attempt. The second attempt must be completed within six months after the first attempt. This applies to both full-time and part-time doctoral candidates.

Candidates who fail their QE will be asked to leave the programme.