



# ACADEMIC REGULATIONS:

  

# REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF GOVERNANCE (DGOV)

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**F. Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Governance (DGov)****39 The Degree of Doctor of Governance (DGov)**

- 39.1 The Degree of Doctor of Governance (DGov) is awarded following successful completion of a programme of advanced education and training, incorporating taught elements, professional practice and supervised research. The degree will be awarded only where the outcomes of the project work for the taught elements and the research thesis make an original and substantial contribution to knowledge for professional practice and where the candidate has demonstrated the capacity to apply this knowledge within a professional practice setting. The credit-bearing taught elements, the supervised research thesis element and the professional practice component, which is integrated with the taught and research elements, collectively form the basis of the examination for the award of the degree of DGov.
- 39.2 The purpose of these regulations, and any related policies, guidelines and procedures established by the IPA or UCD, is to assure and enhance the quality of education and training of DGov students and to create a framework that guides and supports the student and their supervisor(s).
- 39.3 Primary responsibility for the approval of candidates for DGov studies, oversight of the design and delivery of the DGov programme, and the approval of supervisory arrangements and the outcomes of any assessments of progress of DGov students rests with the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board on the delegated authority of Academic Council.
- 39.4 A number of committees are required to support the DGov students and to conduct formal assessments during and at the end of the doctoral programme. They include:
- (i) The Doctor of Governance Course Committee, comprised of staff from both UCD and the IPA, and Chaired by the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management, which is responsible for the management and delivery of the DGov programme, also ensuring that appropriate supports are in place to meet the welfare, pastoral and academic administrative needs of students registered to the DGov programme;
  - (ii) The Assessment Panel, which is established by the Doctor of Governance Course Committee in accordance with relevant IPA and UCD policy and guidelines, to assess students' progress at any formal progression point within the DGov programme (normally following completion of Stage 1 of the programme);
  - (iii) The Doctoral Studies Panel, which comprises the Principal Supervisor and at least one additional supervisor, which is recommended by the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and formally established by the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board. The purpose of the Doctoral Studies Panel is to support and enhance the supervisor-student relationship, to monitor the progress of the student through the research thesis element of their doctoral studies, and to provide advice and support to the student and supervisor(s);
  - (iv) The DGov Thesis Examination Committee, which is established by the Academic Council Committee on Examinations and which, at the end of the DGov programme, examines the student and the submitted thesis, and, also taking into consideration the student's performance in the taught and professional practice element, makes a recommendation regarding the award of the degree.
- 39.5 The UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board, acting on the delegated authority of Academic Council, and based on recommendations received from the Doctor of Governance Course Committee, shall:
- (i) Approve the admission of students to the DGov programme;
  - (ii) Establish the Programme Examination Board required to finalise the module grades for the students registered to the taught and professional practice elements of the programme;



- (iii) Adjudicate on student applications for permission to continue in the programme or re-admission to the programme, and for Leave of Absence or Withdrawal from the programme, in accordance with relevant IPA and UCD policies and codes;
- (iv) Establish an Assessment Panel to assess the progress of the student and their competence and capacity to complete the DGov programme at the end of Stage 1 of the programme, and review and approve (or request reconsideration of) the recommendation of the Assessment Panel;
- (v) Approve the appointment of the Principal Supervisor and any additional supervisors who, collectively, will comprise the Doctoral Studies Panel;
- (vi) Review and recommend the appointment of the internal examiner(s) for the final examination of the DGov thesis to the Academic Council Committee on Examinations;
- (vii) Review and recommend the appointment of the extern examiner(s) for the final examination of the DGov thesis to the Academic Council Committee on Examinations;
- (viii) Review and recommend the appointment of members of any external advisory panel(s) to act as external peer reviewers of the programme;
- (ix) Work with the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and other entities in the IPA and UCD to develop guidelines and good practice in the structure and delivery of the DGov programme;
- (x) Work with the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and other entities in the IPA and UCD to enhance DGov studies and the DGov student experience;
- (xi) Work with the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and other entities in the IPA and UCD to formalise partnership arrangements between the IPA, UCD and external entities which host and support students on the DGov programme in accordance with relevant IPA and UCD policies and codes. The nature of this relationship must be documented as it pertains to individual students or cohorts of students.

#### 40 Entry Requirements, Application Procedures and Registration for the DGov Degree

40.1 **Entry Requirements:** A candidate seeking admission to the DGov programme should normally possess a primary degree, or equivalent qualification, of at least upper second class honours (2.1) standard and have at least five years full-time work experience at an appropriate level in a relevant public service profession. Interviews may be held to assess the suitability of applicants.

40.2 **Application Procedures:** A candidate must apply for admission to the DGov programme to the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management. Application for admission to the DGov programme shall include a copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae, copies of degree certificates, a covering letter detailing the applicant's reasons for applying, two references (one academic, one professional) and a letter confirming that the course fees will be paid by the student or a third party (ex. the applicant's employer).

40.2.1 The application for admission will be considered by the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management and the Doctor of Governance Course Committee, who may then make a recommendation to the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board for approval. The recommendation shall specify:

- (i) The academic or other achievements of the candidate that indicate they have the capacity to pursue the DGov programme;
- (ii) The professional context in which the student will be applying their knowledge for the work for the taught and professional practice elements and the research thesis.

40.2.2 The Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management and the Doctor of Governance Course Committee shall propose a candidate, and the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board shall approve a nomination, only when they are satisfied that:



- (i) The candidate is appropriately qualified and has the basic skills and competencies required to embark upon the DGov programme;
- (ii) The candidate is in a suitable professional environment to be able to undertake professional practice at the level required of the programme;
- (iii) The resources are available to support both the professional practice and the research activity;
- (iv) Appropriate supervisors and supervisory arrangements are available to support and monitor the progress of the candidate's research project.

40.3 **Registration Period for the DGov Degree:** The period of registration for the DGov degree will be four years part-time registration and not more than six years part-time registration. Retrospective registration is not permitted.

40.3.1 Students who do not complete the requirements for the DGov degree within the relevant registration period must re-apply to the Doctor of Governance Course Committee, presenting justification for permission to continue in the programme beyond the prescribed period of registration or, where appropriate, seek Leave of Absence or Withdraw in accordance with IPA and UCD policy. The Doctor of Governance Course Committee will then make a recommendation regarding the application for permission to continue in the programme, Leave of Absence or Withdrawal to the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board. A student who withdraws may apply to the Doctor of Governance Course Committee for re-admission to the programme within a period of five years from the point of Withdrawal. The Doctor of Governance Course Committee may make a recommendation for approval for re-admission to the programme to the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board, and in so doing, may recognise the work previously undertaken by the student upon their re-admission to the programme.

## 41 DGov Degree Structure

41.1 The DGov degree is awarded on successful completion of a programme of advanced education and training, incorporating taught elements, professional practice and supervised research, prescribed by the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management, Principal Supervisor, the Doctoral Studies Panel, the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board. This programme shall comply with the policies and regulations of the IPA and UCD and such guidelines as may be published by the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board.

41.2 UCD records work conducted in the pursuit of research degrees on a nominal credit basis, so that one calendar year of full-time academic study is considered equivalent to 90 credits. The total overall credit value of the DGov degree programme is 270 credits, with 120 credits at UCD Level 4 (NFQ Level 9) and 150 nominal credits at UCD Level 5 (NFQ Level 10). The DGov degree programme consists of advanced education and training, incorporating taught modules, professional practice and supervised research activity. While elements of the professional practice aspect of the programme are integrated into both the taught element and the research activity element, the programme also includes a distinct module relating to professional practice. The volume of credit for the taught element will be 90 credits, the volume of credit for the professional practice will be 30 credits, and the volume of credit for the supervised research activity will be 150 nominal credits.

41.3 **DGov Degree Programme Stages:** The programme of taught modules, professional practice and supervised research activity leading to the degree of DGov is pursued in two stages: Stage 1 shall comprise 70 credits and Stage 2 shall comprise 200 credits.



- 41.4 **Stage 1:** Stage 1 of the DGov programme is an initial period of advanced education and training and professional practice amounting to 70 credits. This stage shall consist of 70 credits of taught modules (UCD Level 4, NFQ Level 9).
- 41.5 Students who successfully complete the 70 credits of taught modules (UCD Level 4, NFQ Level 9) and who do not wish to progress, or are not eligible to progress (see regulation 42 below on progression), to Stage 2 of the DGov programme are eligible to transfer at this point to the MSc Applied Governance, where they will be required to complete an additional 20 credit dissertation to satisfy the requirements of that programme.
- 41.6 **Stage 2:** Stage 2 of the DGov programme includes taught modules, professional practice and advanced research amounting to 20 credits of taught modules, 30 credits of professional practice (both at UCD Level 4, NFQ Level 9), and 150 credits of original doctoral research activity (UCD Level 5, NFQ Level 10).
- 41.7 Credit for taught modules, including the professional practice module, is awarded after satisfactory completion of the modules and successful completion of any associated assessment.
- 41.8 Credit for original doctoral research activity shall only be awarded where the work conducted has been assessed on the basis of a submitted research thesis in acceptable form and deemed to be of a satisfactory standard by the DGov Thesis Examination Committee.
- 41.9 Students may not be admitted directly to Stage 2 of the DGov programme on the basis of their having a relevant masters degree.

## 42 Progression in the DGov Degree

- 42.1 The Doctor of Governance Course Committee and the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board will establish appropriate processes and procedures to monitor the progress of students registered to the DGov degree, including the grading of the taught and professional practice modules in accordance with normal IPA and UCD procedures and the requirement for a formal mid-programme assessment to evaluate the student's eligibility to progress from Stage 1 to Stage 2 of the programme.
- 42.2 Students registered to the DGov degree may transfer to Stage 2 of the programme on successful completion of a Stage 1 Transfer Assessment following a minimum two-year period of registration to the programme.
- 42.3 The Doctor of Governance Course Committee will establish an Assessment Panel to assess the progress of the student and their competence and capacity to complete the DGov programme at the end of Stage 1. The Assessment Panel must have the experience and disciplinary expertise to conduct the assessment. The Assessment Panel will base its judgement on the student's final grades in all taught modules in Stage 1, a written statement of progress and a research plan from the student. The student will normally be required to present for an oral defence of their written statement of progress and research plan to the Assessment Panel.
- 42.4 The Assessment Panel will, subject to review by the Doctor of Governance Course Committee, make one of the following recommendations to the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board:
- (i) That the student should progress to Stage 2 of the DGov programme;
  - (ii) That the student should progress to Stage 2 of the DGov programme, subject to the student responding to explicit conditions for progress, as set down by the Assessment Panel and subject to the satisfaction of the Assessment Panel that the said conditions have been met;



- (iii) That the student should transfer to the MSc Applied Governance degree programme;
- (iv) That the student's registration be terminated and that the student be issued with a transcript showing any modules for which credit has been awarded.

42.5 The UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board will either approve the recommendation, or request that the Assessment Panel reconsider its recommendation, or, following consultation with the Doctor of Governance Course Committee, make a decision which differs from the recommendation of the Assessment Panel. Where the latter occurs, it will be reported to the Academic Council Committee on Examinations.

42.6 The Assessment Panel or the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board may recommend one or more additional formal assessments of progress and competence within Stage 2 of the DGov programme. The Doctoral Studies Panel will recommend the nature and timing of any such assessment.

42.7 All processes and procedures associated with the management of the DGov degree programme will operate in accordance with the regulations and policies of the IPA and UCD and such guidelines as may be agreed from time to time by the IPA, UCD, or any of their constituent, or joint, committees, and should be reviewed at appropriate intervals by the IPA Board and the UCD Governing Authority or any of their constituent committees.

### 43 Research Supervision for the DGov Degree

43.1 The UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board will appoint the members of the Doctoral Studies Panel, including a Principal Supervisor and any additional supervisor(s) of the candidate's programme of advanced education and training, upon the recommendation of the Doctor of Governance Course Committee. Individuals appointed to the Doctoral Studies Panel will normally have sufficient experience of supervising doctoral students and/or the relevant academic expertise and/or the relevant professional experience required to effectively support and enhance the supervisor-student relationship.

43.2 The Principal Supervisor must be:

- (i) A permanent member of the academic staff of the IPA or UCD; or
- (ii) A member of the adjunct or visiting staff of the IPA or UCD, who has been specifically approved to act as a Principal Supervisor by the relevant committee in the IPA or UCD, on the recommendation of the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and with the approval of the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board.

A full-time member of the academic staff of the IPA or UCD on a temporary contract of four years or greater may act as Principal Supervisor with the approval of the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board, provided that there is a Co-Supervisor, identified in advance of the student commencing their research. The Co-Supervisor must be a full-time member of the academic staff of the IPA or UCD and a member of the Doctoral Studies Panel, and will assume the responsibilities of the Principal Supervisor in the event that the student's programme of study exceeds the duration of the initial Principal Supervisor's contract.

43.3 A Principal Supervisor will be an active researcher in the broad area of the student's research topic, with a record of peer-reviewed publication of international standing, and will normally hold a doctoral degree.

43.4 Where a Principal Supervisor retires or resigns from the staff of the IPA or UCD, or for any other reason is unable to continue to supervise the research, temporarily or permanently, the Doctor of Governance Course Committee shall inform the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board, and on the recommendation of the Doctor of Governance Course Committee, the UCD Human Sciences Graduate



School Board shall make appropriate arrangements for the supervision of the student, including, where required, the appointment of a new Principal Supervisor.

- 43.5 **Research and Professional Development Plan:** During the research thesis element of the programme, the student, supported by the Principal Supervisor and Doctoral Studies Panel, shall document their educational, training and personal and professional development needs, which, along with the proposed research, will inform the development of a Research and Professional Development Plan (RPDP).
- 43.6 The Principal Supervisor and Doctoral Studies Panel will monitor progress against the prescribed programme of advanced education, training, professional practice and research contained within the RPDP on a regular basis, but at least once per year. Where the Principal Supervisor or Doctoral Studies Panel considers that progress or the arrangements for supervision of the student are not adequate, and such inadequacies cannot be resolved, the Doctoral Studies Panel will inform the Doctor of Governance Course Committee and the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board.
- 43.7 The student and the Principal Supervisor are encouraged to familiarize themselves with relevant IPA and UCD policies and codes pertaining to graduate research degree programmes. Where a conflict may arise between the student and the Principal Supervisor, either the Principal Supervisor or student may inform the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management, who will in turn notify the Chair of the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board who will be responsible for making a decision on the most appropriate action in accordance with the relevant IPA and/or UCD policy or code.
- 43.8 The duties and obligations of the Principal Supervisor or any additional supervisors or advisers may not be delegated except in circumstances covered in regulation 43.4 above.

#### 44 Responsibilities of DGov Degree Candidates

- 44.1 Candidates are required to pursue the programme of advanced education and training, incorporating taught elements, professional practice and supervised research activity prescribed by the Doctor of Governance Course Committee, Principal Supervisor and other members of the Doctoral Studies Panel and to work with their Principal Supervisor and other members of the Doctoral Studies Panel to meet the requirements articulated in the Research and Professional Development Plan (RPDP).
- 44.2 Candidates may not normally be registered to more than one programme within the IPA and UCD, and may not be registered to a programme within the IPA or UCD while registered to a programme outside the IPA or UCD. In exceptional circumstances, candidates who wish to register to more than one programme within the IPA or UCD, or to register to a programme within the IPA or UCD while registered to a programme outside the IPA or UCD, must obtain in advance the approval of the relevant governing board overseeing each programme and of the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board or other relevant IPA or UCD committee.
- 44.3 Candidates are required to fulfil all responsibilities that may be reasonably expected to progress and conduct their advanced education and training, incorporating taught elements, professional practice and supervised research activity, successfully.
- 44.4 Candidates are required to comply with best and ethical practice and the regulations, policies and guidelines of the IPA and UCD in the conduct of their research.



#### 45 Preparation and Submission of DGov Degree Thesis for Examination

- 45.1 Following successful completion of all required taught and professional practice elements, the final examination for the DGov degree is based on a description of the candidate's research in a thesis describing the context, nature, methodology and outcomes of the research, prepared in accordance with international norms, which must contain material of a publishable standard. A candidate may also be examined on the basis of a collection of papers of publishable standard describing a coherent programme of research, accompanied by a critical and theoretical overview of the work presented in the papers.
- 45.2 The candidate will prepare a thesis under the direction of the Principal Supervisor and in accordance with any guidelines published by the IPA or UCD, and will submit the thesis for examination. The appropriate length of the thesis shall be agreed between the candidate and the Principal Supervisor in accordance with the traditions of the discipline and will be communicated in writing to the student.
- 45.3 The candidate must be a registered student at the time when the thesis is submitted for examination.
- 45.4 The appropriate number of copies of the thesis shall be prepared and submitted to the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management in accordance with such regulations, policies and procedures that the IPA and UCD may establish.
- 45.5 The thesis will not be accepted by the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management unless it is accompanied by a statement (included on the Research Degree Examination Form) from the Principal Supervisor that the research has been carried out, and the final draft of the thesis, as submitted, has been prepared for examination under their supervision. Where such a statement is, in the opinion of the candidate, unreasonably withheld, the candidate may appeal to the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management.
- 45.6 The research described in the thesis must be the original work of the candidate. Research work on the basis of which a degree or other qualification (from the IPA, UCD, another third level institution, or a professional or other awarding body) has already been obtained will not be accepted for the DGov degree award. A confirmatory statement to this effect (included on the Research Degree Examination Form) must be signed by the candidate and submitted with the thesis.

#### 46 Examination of DGov Thesis

- 46.1 **The DGov Thesis Examination Committee:** The UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board shall propose, and the Academic Council Committee on Examinations shall establish, a DGov Thesis Examination Committee to assess the student on the basis of the thesis submitted and, also taking into consideration the student's performance in the taught and professional practice element, to make a recommendation on the award (or otherwise) of the degree of DGov. The DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall be chaired by an independent Chair selected from the full-time permanent academic staff of either the IPA or UCD, and shall consist of the Chair and a number of examiners. There shall be an extern examiner and one or two internal examiners. The Chair is not an examiner.
- 46.1.1 **Appointment of Internal Examiner(s):** The internal examiner(s) shall be proposed by the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management (in consultation with the Doctoral Studies Panel and the Doctor of Governance Course Committee), recommended by the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board and approved and formally appointed by the Academic Council Committee on Examinations. An internal examiner will be an active researcher in the broad area of the thesis topic or in a cognate discipline and must normally be a member of the academic staff of the IPA or UCD.



- 46.1.2 The Principal Supervisor (or any Co-Supervisor) may not act as an internal examiner nor as Chair of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee. However, the Principal Supervisor (or any Co-Supervisor) may be invited to attend the examination with the consent of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee and the candidate.
- 46.1.3 **Appointment of Extern Examiner:** The extern examiner shall be proposed by the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management (in consultation with the Doctoral Studies Panel and the Doctor of Governance Course Committee), recommended by the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board and approved by the Academic Council Committee on Examinations, following which they shall be recommended to and formally appointed by the National University of Ireland. The extern examiner should be a recognised expert in the area of research of the thesis as evidenced in the curriculum vitae of the proposed extern examiner.
- 46.1.4 Where the candidate for the DGov is a full-time member of the academic staff of the IPA or UCD, or another constituent university or recognised College of the National University of Ireland, there must be a second extern examiner. In addition, a second extern examiner should be appointed for any DGov candidate where the UCD Human Sciences Graduate School Board considers that a potential conflict of interest may arise.
- 46.2 **Conflict of Interest:** The Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management and the Doctor of Governance Course Committee should take appropriate steps to avert a situation where the examiner(s) would be required to examine the work of family, friends or associates, or where the examiner(s) may otherwise be closely associated with the candidate and/or any other member of the Doctoral Studies Panel, including candidates who are related to or associated with the examiner's colleague(s). All examiners should be careful to exercise objectivity towards all candidates, in particular any candidate who is related to or associated with a colleague.
- 46.3 **Confidentiality:** All matters relating to the examination must be treated as confidential. Examiners are not permitted to divulge the content of previously unpublished material contained in a candidate's thesis until such time as the thesis has been deposited in the IPA and UCD Library and is publicly available. Examiners are not permitted to divulge any information relating to the examination, including examination grades, to colleagues who have family members, friends or associates who are examination candidates in other Colleges. Such staff should refrain from making enquiries about these examinations and/or examination grades from their colleagues.
- 46.4 Assessment, UCD Registry shall forward a copy of the thesis to each member of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee.
- 46.5 **DGov Thesis Examination Committee Responsibilities**
- 46.5.1 The Chair of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall arrange for preliminary reports from each examiner, which should include a judgement as to whether or not the thesis is suitable for examination, to be exchanged among all examiners. Where the examiners agree that the thesis is satisfactory for examination, the DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall conduct a viva voce examination of the candidate in which the extern examiner shall play the major role. The viva voce examination will normally be held within two months of submission of the thesis.
- 46.5.2 Where the examiners agree that the thesis is not suitable for examination, copies of the Preliminary Thesis Reports will be forwarded to the Principal Supervisor and the Head of the IPA Whitaker School of Government and Management, who will recommend an appropriate course of action to the candidate. Where the examiners are not in agreement as to whether the thesis is



suitable for examination, the Chair of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee will consult with the Chair of the Academic Council Committee on Examinations, who will recommend an appropriate course of action.

- 46.5.3 When the examination is complete, the examiners shall submit a written report to the Academic Council Committee on Examinations, recommending whether or not the degree of DGov should be awarded. The Chair of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee will be responsible for submitting the examiners' written report. The Academic Council Committee on Examinations will decide, on the basis of the report(s) received and, where necessary, on the basis of clarification or correspondence with the examiners, to authorise or not authorise the award of the degree of DGov.

#### 46.6 DGov Thesis Examination Committee Decisions

- 46.6.1 Where the examiners unanimously recommend the award of the degree of DGov, the DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall submit a joint report to the Academic Council Committee on Examinations indicating their opinion on the quality of the thesis and of the research on which it is based, also taking into consideration the student's performance in the taught and professional practice element, and recommending the award of the degree. The examiners should also indicate whether, in their opinion, the thesis, in whole or in part, is worthy of publication. The examiners should not recommend the award of the degree of DGov unless they consider that the thesis, in whole or in part, is worthy of peer-reviewed publication as a work of serious scholarship. The examiners' report may also indicate whether, in the opinions of the examiners, corrections to the thesis are required, and the Chair of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee (or nominee – normally an internal examiner) shall be responsible for ensuring that such corrections have been made to the thesis before the award of the DGov is approved by the Academic Council Committee on Examinations. The Chair of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall inform the candidate and the Principal Supervisor that the DGov Thesis Examination Committee has recommended the award of the degree of DGov subject to the approval of the Academic Council Committee on Examinations.

- 46.6.2 Where the examiners unanimously recommend that the degree of DGov not be awarded, the DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall submit a joint report to the Academic Council Committee on Examinations, indicating their opinion on the quality of the thesis and of the research on which it is based, indicating the areas of weakness which led to the decision not to recommend the award of a DGov. The report may include advice to the candidate on ways in which the thesis, or the research on which it is based, could be substantially revised to a standard which might be suitable for re-examination for the award of the degree of DGov or another award. The Chair of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall inform the candidate and the Principal Supervisor that the DGov Thesis Examination Committee has not recommended award of the degree of DGov.

- 46.6.3 Where the examiners are in disagreement and cannot unanimously recommend that the degree of DGov be awarded, members of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall submit separate reports to the Academic Council Committee on Examinations. The Chair of the DGov Thesis Examination Committee shall inform the candidate and the Principal Supervisor that the DGov Thesis Examination Committee has not made a unanimous decision on the award of the degree and that the matter has been recommended to the Academic Council Committee on Examinations for adjudication. The Academic Council Committee on Examinations, also taking into consideration the student's performance in the taught and professional practice element, may decide to authorise the award of the degree of DGov or not to authorise the award of the degree of DGov.



- 46.7 **Appeals:** A candidate may appeal a decision of the Academic Council Committee on Examinations on the award of a DGov to the Academic Council Committee on Assessment Appeal.
- 46.8 **Submission of Revised Thesis:** Where the DGov Thesis Examination Committee has not recommended the award of DGov and where the Academic Council Committee on Examinations has not authorised the award of DGov, the candidate may submit a revised thesis for re-examination, subject to the conditions set out by the Academic Council Committee on Examinations. Submission of a revised thesis requires a statement from the supervisor(s) that the thesis has been revised under their supervision. Section 45 of these regulations in respect of the preparation and submission of the thesis apply, as appropriate, in respect of submission of the revised thesis.
- 46.9 A printed and electronic copy of each thesis on the basis of which the degree of DGov has been awarded shall be submitted to the Librarian of the IPA and UCD for deposition in their respective libraries. At the time of submission of the thesis, candidates will be required to indicate, on a form of consent provided for that purpose, whether they agree that the copy should be deposited and available immediately under conditions laid down by the IPA or UCD, or whether access to it should be deferred so that it is not available for consultation for a period determined by the IPA or UCD.
- 46.10 All theses remain the property of the IPA and UCD. All issues relating to intellectual property will be subject to the IPA and UCD's practices and policies.

