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### **Oral examination**

The oral thesis defense will be conducted as follows:

The candidate presents his/her dissertation. The presentation should take no more than 30 minutes. This is followed by an oral examination behind closed doors. The oral test will last at least one hour — the test duration will typically be between 60 and 90 minutes.

In the oral thesis defense (see PhD Regulations, Section 11) you must show that you have in-depth knowledge of the specialist field you have chosen for your dissertation.