

The MSc dissertation is an integral part of the Post graduate course in Geology. The aim of the project is to test the independent research skill of a student provided by some guidance from a guide/supervisor assigned to a particular student. Each student must undertake the dissertation project during their final (IV) semester. The project may be empirical or non-empirical involving an experimental investigation, field work and laboratory studies, or a theoretical investigation accompanied by computational work, data processing and analysis, or a combination of these. The students must select a topic of their interest, prepare an appropriate synopsis and accordingly a supervisor is assigned. The final topic of the dissertation is approved by a selected group of committee comprising of the Head of the department and senior faculty members. Towards the end of the project work, each student must give a presentation defending the work he/she has conducted and take an oral examination. At the completion of the project work, a printed document is to be submitted in support of the candidature for the academic degree presenting the candidate's research and findings.

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- a) Chairman: Head of Department
- b) Expert: External Examiner
- c) Member: Supervisor/Internal Examiner

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