

Clarification on policy for requirement to have a professor from Carleton Univ. on thesis committees

As per OCIECE bylaws (updated May 2026):

4.2 Thesis Examinations and Ph.D. Advisory Committee

The academic regulations of CU and UO for joint Ottawa-Carleton programs specify that for a PhD thesis jury it is required to have a minimum of one examiner from the other university, and that for a master's thesis jury, an examiner from the other university is optional (although preferred). Likewise, for the composition of the PhD Advisory committee, for the PhD Comprehensive Exam or the PhD Thesis Proposal / Candidacy Paper, the OCIECE operational procedure is that an examiner from the other university is optional (although preferred). Adjunct professors with graduate supervision rights from OCIECE units can be OCIECE members and can serve as thesis jury members.

For a PhD thesis final thesis examination, there is a university requirement to have a member from Carleton for PhD thesis defense committees

<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/leadership-governance/policies-regulations/c-7-thesis>.

“C-7.7.3.2 In the case of joint programs with Carleton University, the internal members of the jury may include faculty members of Carleton University. For master's theses in these programs, including an internal examiner from Carleton University is optional but preferred. Usually, for all doctoral theses in such programs, the jury must include a minimum of one internal examiner from Carleton University.”