

Guidelines for Qualifying Examination (QE)

Format:

Format: Written Exam (closed book)

Time allowed: 3 hours (one hour per subject)

General Rules:

- This is applicable to PhD students enrolled in Academic year 2023/2024 or after
- The Examination covers *one compulsory fundamental subject plus two of the elective subjects*:
 - **Compulsory Fundamental subject:**
 - *CISC2006: Algorithm Design and Analysis*
 - **Elective subjects include:**
 - *CISC2001: Computer Organization*
 - *CISC2005: Principles of Operating Systems*
 - *CISC3000: Introduction to Database Systems*
 - *CISC3001: Computer Networks*
 - *CISC3023: Machine Learning*
 - *CISC3011: Digital Image Processing*

General Timeline:

- The QE will take place in *November* and *April*;
- Students submit their choice of subject exam *before their 2nd semester starts*;
- Course Instructor review exam paper of their subjects and Exam Committee confirm all the results by the *end of semester (December and May)*

Retake Policy:

- Students who failed the QE, will be required to *retake* the exam of *their failed subjects according to the designated schedule*
- Only one retake is permitted and students who fail the examination for a second time will be *discontinued* from the PhD programme