

**TEXT FOR THE CHAIR (RECTOR MAGNIFICUS OR DEAN)
FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE DEFENCE CEREMONY**

The chair (Rector Magnificus/Dean):

Dear guests,

Welcome to this special meeting of the Doctorate Board of the University of Amsterdam on the occasion of the PhD defence of [**first names in full + surname candidate**].

Dear candidate, would you please read aloud the first part of the formula before you?

The candidate:

[...]

The chair:

I would now like to give the floor to the first/second/...opponent [**Dr. + surname**, if applicable chair/research remit, name of university]
(if the committee member is from outside the UvA, thanks will be extended to the committee member)

The candidate:

[Defence/Opposition]

The beadle:

Hora est!

The chair:

This concludes the period of defence and opposition. I now request you to read aloud the second part of the formula.

The candidate:

[...]

The chair:

The committee will now retire for deliberation.

FORMULA FOR THE CANDIDATE

Before the defence:

By authority of the Rector Magnificus and the Doctorate Board of this University, I shall, during this hour, in order to obtain the doctorate, publicly defend my thesis, entitled

[title thesis]

I entreat all those who wish to voice criticism of the contents of the thesis to do so in a truthful and lucid manner, so as to provide an opportunity for an ordered exchange of views.

[.....]

After the defence:

Having concluded the defence of my thesis and pending the decision of the Doctorate Committee, I would like to express my thanks to my highly esteemed supervisor(s) and co-supervisor(s) in particular, to those who have brought forward their criticisms and to all who have attended this ceremony.

[.....]

After the doctorate has been conferred, in response to the question posed by the supervisor:

“Do you promise to uphold the principles of academic integrity, of honesty and diligence, transparency, independence and accountability, in your work at all times?”

Yes, I promise to do so.

(the certificate is awarded)

**FORMULA FOR THE CHAIR
(RECTOR MAGNIFICUS OR DEAN)**

The chair (Rector Magnificus/Dean):

Esteemed candidate,

After due consideration of the thesis you have submitted,
we have decided to grant you the doctoral degree.

The supervisor [**title + surname supervisor**]
is authorised to confer this dignity upon you in customary fashion.

The supervisor (see formula for the supervisor):

[.....]

The chair:

It gives me great pleasure, most learned scholar, to congratulate you, also on behalf
of the Doctorate Board of the University of Amsterdam, on this newly acquired
honour.

Hereby I declare this ceremony closed.

FORMULA FOR THE SUPERVISOR

The supervisor (stands up):

I gladly accept the task assigned to me by the Rector Magnificus of the University.
(all rise)

By virtue of the power conferred on us by law, and in accordance with the decision of the Doctorate Board of the University of Amsterdam, I hereby confer upon you,

[first names in full + surname candidate]

the degree of DOCTOR and grant you all the rights pertaining thereto by law or custom.

In evidence hereof you will receive the degree certificate, signed by the Rector and the supervisor and confirmed with the Great Seal of the University.

Do you promise to uphold the principles of academic integrity, of honesty and diligence, transparency, independence and accountability, in your work at all times?

The candidate: Yes, I promise to do so.
(certificate is handed over)

Then regard the obtained dignity as an honour and a privilege, and never forget the attendant responsibilities which you now bear towards science and society.

Having fulfilled the task assigned to me, I have the honour of being the first to address you as a 'Doctor' and to congratulate you with the dignity conferred on you.

(all sit; the supervisor remains standing and continues):

[personal address]

(the supervisor returns the floor to the Rector)