Registering Examinations for Final Defenses and Doctoral Candidacy in GradTrak

Students are required to register their examinations for final defenses (MS and PhD students) and candidacy (PhD students) in the School of Medicine GradTrak system at least two weeks before the examination date. By following this time-line, students help to ensure adequate time for a host of administrative steps to be completed on their behalf.

Examinations that do not meet these registration requirements will be considered invalid. Invalid examinations will not be recognized by the SOM.

A student with an invalid examination must register a new examination in GradTrak and repeat the examination to be considered to have completed a valid examination.

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