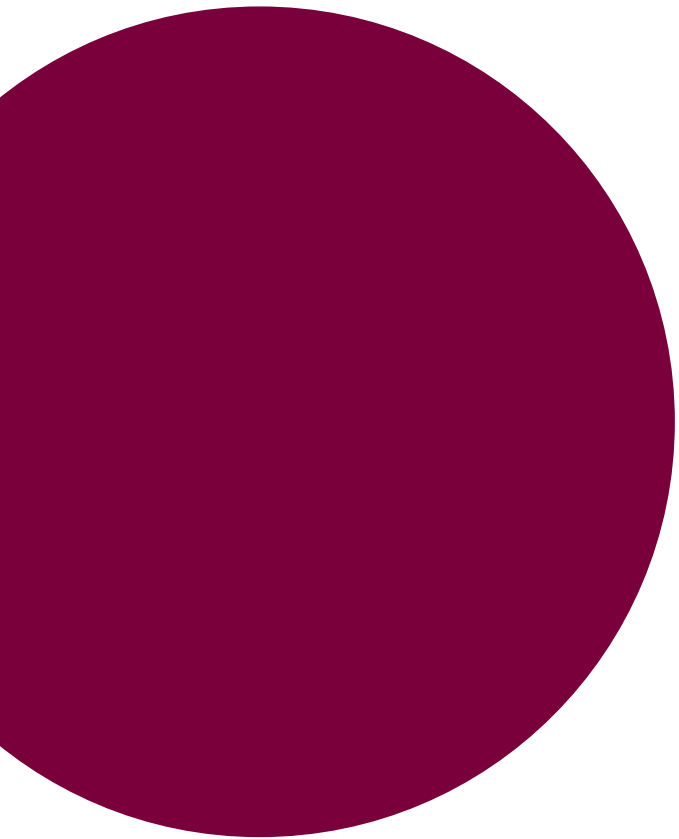




PhD Thesis Defence Process

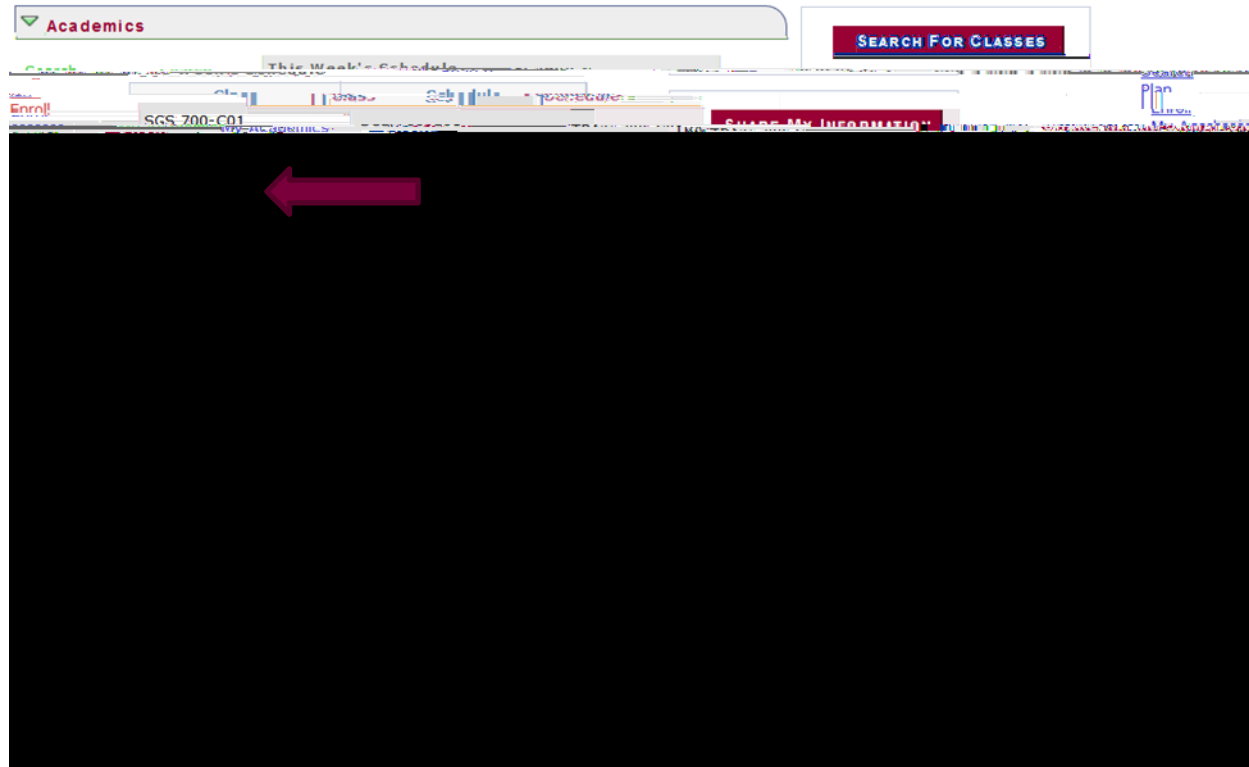
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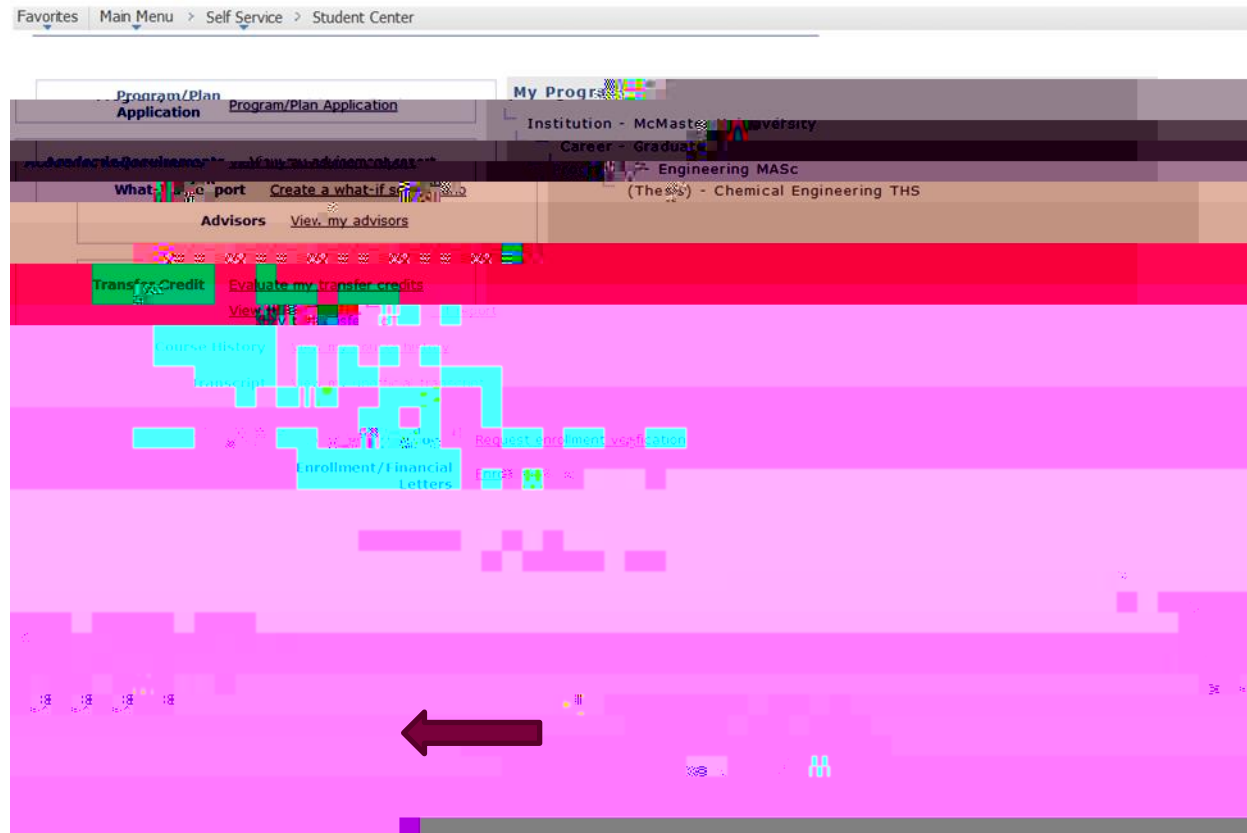
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Process is initiated online in the Mosaic. Log into Student Centre and under



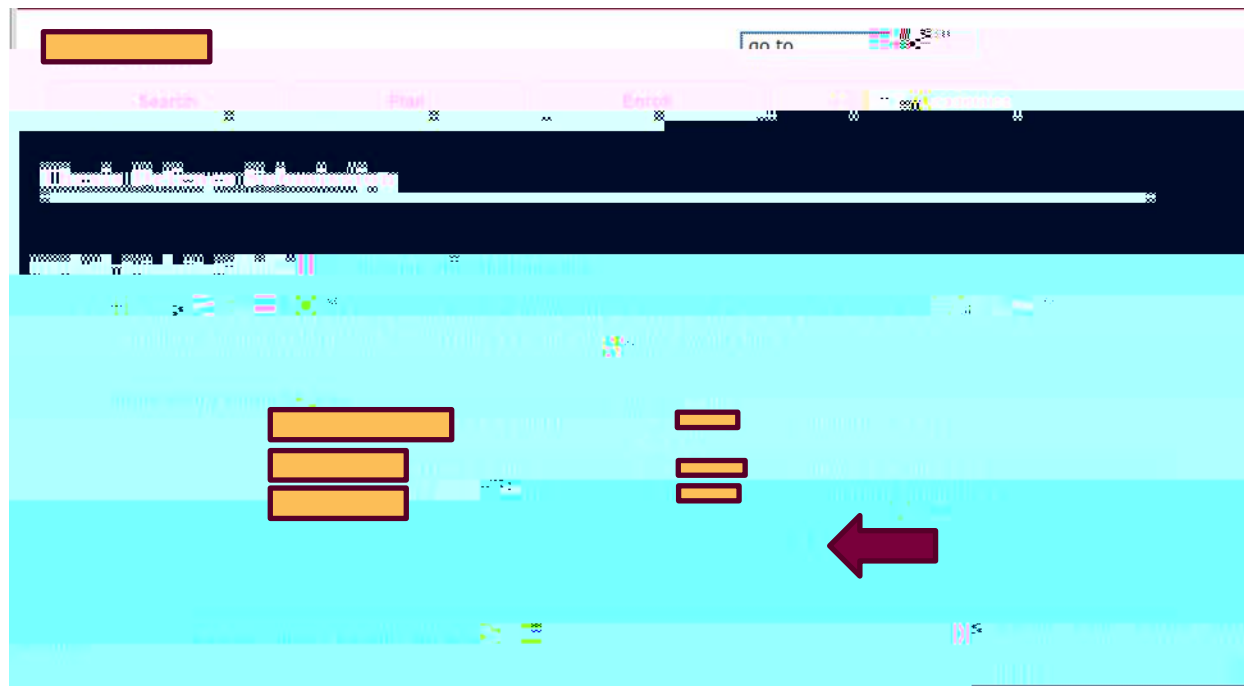
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Select Thesis Intent -> Defend my Thesis:



Initiating the Thesis Defense Process

Review your Supervisory Committee (names, roles, emails). If incorrect or incomplete, please contact your program Graduate Administrator. If correct,



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Once you have initiated the defence online:

3 Emails are sent:

- One to you to confirm the initiation
- One to your Supervisor for their input
- One to your Grad Admin to check your committee in Mosaic

Your Supervisor will have to select either:

- Standard (Traditional) Stream
- Accelerated Stream

Thesis Defence Timelines

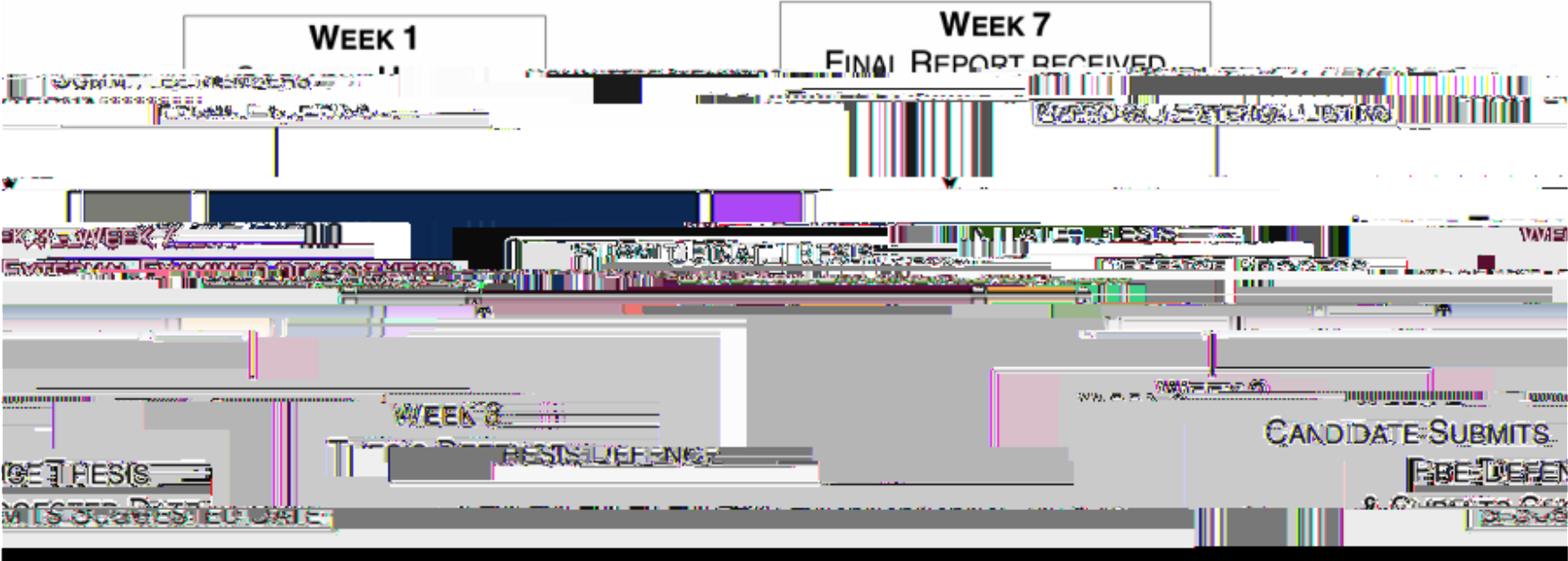
Standard Stream

After initiation, Supervisor nominates Externals, to be approved by Committee and Dept. Chair

SGS reaches out to approved Externals (randomly selected)

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Standard Thesis Defence Timeline



Standard Thesis Defence Timeline

Selecting the date:

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Confirmation of Date for Doctoral Thesis Defence" from the McMaster University School of Graduate Studies. The form includes the following fields and options:

- Department: Chemical
- Student No: 0701 [redacted]
- Surname: Qu [redacted]
- Email: wen [redacted]
- Thesis Title: Micro [redacted]
- Should a request be made, you would be willing to make available a pdf file of the thesis: Yes
- Proposed Date: Please select defence date from calendar. It has to be at least 8 weeks away. Defence cannot be scheduled on the weekend and holiday.

The "Proposed Date" section features a calendar for February 2012 and a "Time" dropdown menu with options for 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM.

Preparing for the Defence

For the defence to proceed, it needs to have the following:



A positive report from the External one week in advance

A Chair for the defence

- A faculty member who has supervised a student to completion

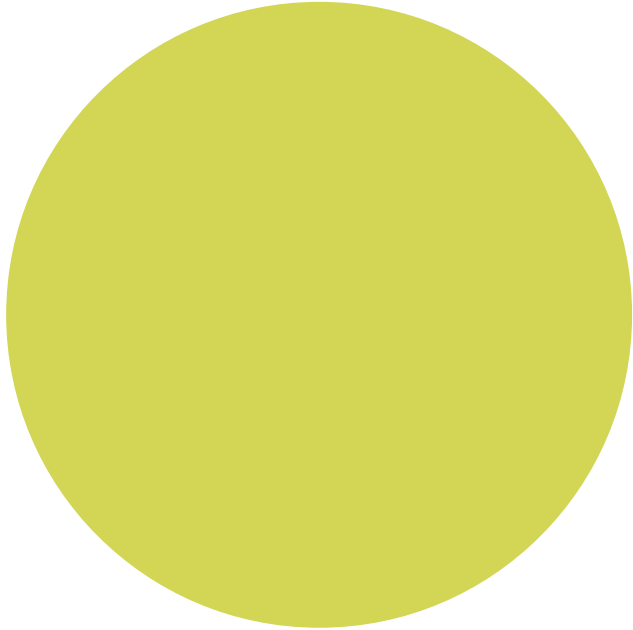
A minimum of 3 members from the Supervisory Committee

- Supervisor and 2 Committee Members

The External Examiner

- Can be represented by an Internal Examiner if they are unable to attend

The Day of the Defence



Resources

To help with your preparations:



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GOOD LUCK!