

KAG EAST UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND THEOLOGY
UCC 113: RESEARCH METHODS
CREDIT HOURS: 3
FINAL EXAM (FORM A)
DURATION: 3 HOURS
LEVEL: DEGREE
SEPTEMBER –DECEMBER 2025 TRIMESTER

Final Exam: Research Project Oral Defense (40 Marks, 40%)

Objective

The oral defense is the culmination of your CAT 3 research project. It evaluates your ability to present, explain, and defend your research findings in a professional and concise manner, following the KAG EAST University conference theme and sub-themes.

Instructions for the Oral Defense

Preparation of Slides

1. **Template:** Use the KAG EAST-approved Power point slide template.
2. **Number of Slides:** Maximum of 10 slides.
3. **Structure:**
 - **Slide 1:** Title Page (Include title, name, registration number, course code, and date).
 - **Slide 2:** Abstract (Highlight key aspects of your proposal in 150–200 words).
 - **Slide 3:** Introduction (Background, problem statement, and significance).
 - **Slide 4:** Research Questions/Objectives (Clearly state your focus).
 - **Slides 5-6:** Literature Review (Key findings from existing research).
 - **Slide 7:** Methodology (Research design, data collection methods, and population).
 - **Slide 8:** Theoretical Framework (Explain the underpinning theory).
 - **Slide 9:** Significance of Study (Contributions to theological education, the KAGEU mission, and global values).
 - **Slide 10:** Conclusion and Recommendations.

Presentation Details

1. **Duration:**

- **Presentation:** 10 minutes maximum.
 - **Q&A Session:** Up to 10 minutes for questions from the panel.
2. **Delivery:**
 - Use clear, concise, and professional language.
 - Rehearse to stay within the time limit.
 3. **Multimedia:**
 - Include relevant visuals (charts, tables, images) to enhance clarity.
 - Ensure slides are legible, with minimal text and appropriate font size (at least 34-point).
 4. **Submission:**
 - Upload slides to the KAGEU portal 24 hours before the scheduled presentation.

Marking Scheme Rubric (40 Marks)

Category	Criteria	Marks
Content (20 Marks)		
Title Page	Properly formatted with all required details.	1
Abstract	Clear, concise summary capturing the essence of the research proposal.	2
Introduction	Comprehensive background, problem statement, and study significance.	4
Research Questions/Objectives	Well-defined, aligned with the conference theme and sub-theme.	2
Literature Review	Relevant, scholarly insights presented effectively, with APA citations.	5
Methodology	Clear explanation of research design, data collection, and population.	3
Theoretical Framework	Properly linked to the study, showing relevance and understanding.	2
Significance of Study	Practical and theoretical contributions clearly explained.	1
Application to Values	Aligns with the KAGEU mission, national ethos, AU values, and SDGs.	3

| Presentation (20 Marks) | | |

| Slide Quality | Professional design, appropriate visuals, and clear structure. | 5 |

| Delivery | Confident, fluent, and engaging delivery within the time limit. | 5 |

| Clarity of Explanation | Ability to simplify complex ideas and maintain logical flow. | 4 |

| Handling Questions | Responds to panel queries with clarity, knowledge, and confidence. | 5 |

| Time Management | Presentation completed within the 10-minute limit. | 1 |

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Total: 40 Marks (40%)

Tips for Success

1. **Rehearse:** Practice your presentation multiple times to perfect timing and delivery.
2. **Prepare for Q&A:** Anticipate potential questions and prepare concise answers.
3. **Visuals:** Use graphs, charts, and images to complement your explanation.
4. **Professionalism:** Dress appropriately and maintain a confident demeanor during your presentation.

By following these guidelines and focusing on the marking rubric, you can effectively present your research and achieve success in your final exam.