The Road Map to Defense of Master's Thesis

The formal requirements

The **written thesis** is submitted to the program director seven working days before the defense by midnight. The thesis is submitted in pdf format together with a **formal letter from the supervisor** approving the submission and naming the opponent for the thesis.

The **opponent** can be any teacher or equivalent at Stockholm University or elsewhere. The opponent should be an expert in the particular or closely related subject area and have any conflict of interest with the defender or subject of the thesis.

The thesis **committee** is composed of the teachers in the Analytical Chemistry program and has at least 2 teachers who have read the thesis, are present during the presentation and discussion following the defense. The exact time and place of the defense is advertised at the MMK website one month before the defense.

On the defense day

-1- The defender is introduced by the chairman of the defense committee and the defender will then have 30 min to present the main results of the thesis.

-2- The opponent(s) will lead the discussion. This usually takes about 10 min.

-3- Questions and discussion with members of the committee.

-4- Questions and discussion with everyone else present.

-5- The supervisor(s) can ask questions from the defender but is NOT allowed to answer any previous questions. Otherwise, the supervisor is offered to say a few words about the defender.

-6- The defender says his/her words of thanks, usually to people who contributed to the preparation of the thesis.

-7- After all the defending students have presented, the committee gathers for discussing the thesis. The grades are returned to the students at the end of the day.