Qualifying Exam Flowchart (Format 2: Research Questions)

Timeline

T_{Start}

> 1 month

T_{submit}

$T_{OralExam}$

T_{Decide}

1. Get Examination Committee approval & inform CS Ph.D. advising staff
2. (at least 1 months before T_{Start})

2. Get assigned list of reading materials, in coordination with (and approved by) the Research Supervisor and all participating committee members

3. Get assigned list of research questions, write and submit the answers
(The duration/format is decided by the Examining Committee)

4. Examination committee evaluates submitted responses in 2 weeks and decides next step

Pass

Request an oral portion of the exam

5. Oral portion of the exam
(Suggested to have a presentation to the general audience and a closed room session to answer questions from the advisor and all participating committee members.)

6. Examination committee decides in 1 week after the oral exam

Pass **Fail**

Second Attempt? **Yes** Fail **Yes** Second Attempt?

No **No**

Conditional Pass
with explicit written instructions as to what needs to be done to obtain a pass and a deadline to satisfy those requirements.
7. Submit materials (e.g., revised survey paper, answers to questions) by the deadline

Pass!
Congratulations!

Yes 8. Examination committee decides in 2 weeks after reviewing the submitted materials **No** Another attempt in the next long semester (max 2 attempts)