

Student Name:	
Reader/Grader:	
Date:	

***Purpose:** The purpose of the oral defense of the dissertation is to evaluate whether the graduate student has successfully completed a body of original research within his/her sub-discipline and/or area of concentration. This original research is undertaken with the guidance of all five members of the student's dissertation examining committee.*

Assessment Rubric for Defense of Dissertation

Criteria	High Pass (HP)	Pass (P)	Low Pass (LP)	Fail (F)	Assessment (HP, P, LP, or F)
Student demonstrates ability to describe clearly a well-conceptualized problem.	Demonstrates excellent ability to describe and conceptualize research problems.	Demonstrates good ability to describe and conceptualize research problems.	Demonstrates fair ability to describe and conceptualize research problems.	Demonstrates no or little ability to describe and conceptualize research problems.	
Student demonstrates integrates and critiques relevant literature.	Demonstrates excellent ability integrate and critique literature.	Demonstrates good ability integrate and critique literature.	Demonstrates fair ability integrate and critique literature.	Demonstrates no or little ability integrate and critique literature.	
Student uses appropriate research approaches and methods.	Excellent use of research approaches and methods.	Good use of research approaches and methods.	Fair use of research approaches and methods.	No or little use of research approaches and methods.	
Student presents justified and defensible conclusions.	Excellent justification and defense of conclusions.	Good justification and defense of conclusions.	Fair justification and defense of conclusions.	No or little justification and defense of conclusions.	
Student demonstrates ability to orally present and defend problem, objectives, approach, and conclusions of dissertation.	Demonstrates excellent ability to present and defend the dissertation research.	Demonstrates good ability to present and defend the dissertation research.	Demonstrates fair ability to present and defend the dissertation research.	Demonstrates no or little ability to present and defend the dissertation research.	
Student's writing is clear, organized and of professional quality	Demonstrates excellent ability to write clearly and convincingly at professional level.	Demonstrates good ability to write clearly and convincingly at professional level.	Demonstrates fair ability to write clearly and convincingly at professional level.	Demonstrates no or little ability to write clearly and convincingly at professional level.	
Overall Assessment					

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Dissertation Examination

Student Name:	UID:
Title of Dissertation:	Date:

The oral defense of the above dissertation was completed and the below committee evaluated this dissertation defense as:

HIGH PASS <input type="checkbox"/>	PASS <input type="checkbox"/>	LOW PASS <input type="checkbox"/>	FAIL <input type="checkbox"/>
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Doctoral Committee Members Present:

(Dissertation Chair/Advisor)	SIGNATURE	DATE
(Committee Member)	SIGNATURE	DATE
(Committee Member)	SIGNATURE	DATE
(Committee Member)	SIGNATURE	DATE
(Dean's Representative)	SIGNATURE	DATE
(Student)	SIGNATURE	DATE

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