

<b>Student Name:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

*Purpose: The purpose of the oral defense of the dissertation proposal is to determine whether the PhD student is adequately prepared to undertake dissertation research.*

### **Assessment Rubric for Defense of Dissertation Proposal**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>High Pass (HP)</b>	<b>Pass (P)</b>	<b>Low Pass (LP)</b>	<b>Fail (F)</b>	<b>Assessment (HP, P, LP, or F)</b>
<b>Student demonstrates ability to state a problem clearly and well-conceptualized</b>	Demonstrates an excellent ability describe research problem.	Demonstrates a good ability to describe research problem.	Demonstrates a fair ability describe research problem.	Demonstrates no or little ability to describe research problem.	
<b>Student demonstrates ability to integrate relevant literature.</b>	Demonstrates an excellent understanding of relevant literature.	Demonstrates a good understanding of relevant literature.	Demonstrates a fair understanding of relevant literature.	Demonstrates no or little understanding of relevant literature.	
<b>Student demonstrates knowledge of appropriate research strategies and methods.</b>	Demonstrates an excellent knowledge of research and methods.	Demonstrates a good knowledge of research and methods.	Demonstrates a fair knowledge of research and methods.	Demonstrates no or little knowledge of research and methods.	
<b>Student demonstrates ability to orally present problem, objectives, approach and plan for dissertation research.</b>	Demonstrates an excellent ability to present orally the proposed dissertation research.	Demonstrates a good ability to present orally the proposed dissertation research.	Demonstrates a fair ability to present orally the proposed dissertation research.	Demonstrates no or little ability to present orally the proposed dissertation research.	
<b>Student demonstrates ability to respond to questions about dissertation research.</b>	Demonstrates excellent ability to respond to questions about proposed dissertation research.	Demonstrates good ability to respond to questions about proposed dissertation research.	Demonstrates fair ability to respond to questions about proposed dissertation research.	Demonstrates no or little ability to respond to questions about proposed dissertation research.	
<b>Overall Assessment</b>					

## Dissertation Proposal Examination

<b>Student Name:</b>	<b>UID:</b>
<b>Title of Dissertation Proposal:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

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

<b>HIGH PASS</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PASS</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>LOW PASS</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>FAIL</b> <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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