

Ph.D. Oral Examination Rubric

Student: _____ Date: _____ Faculty name: _____

Student Advisor: _____

Attribute	(1) Does not meet expectations	(2) Meets expectations	(3) Exceeds Expectations	Comments
Presentation/communication of ideas	Points are poorly outlined and unclearly and ineffectively presented. Slides lack organization and have insufficient or excessive text and many errors.	Main points are outlined and presented with reasonable clarity. Slides are prepared in an organized format but contain minor errors.	All content are outlined explicitly and presented comprehensible . Slides are well prepared and organized	
Depth of knowledge in research field/area	Poor depth of knowledge in research area background Poor depth of knowledge of research area techniques, methods, theory	Adequate depth of knowledge in research area Adequate depth of knowledge in research area techniques, methods, theory	Outstanding depth of knowledge in research area background Outstanding depth of knowledge in research area techniques, methods, theory	
Quality of response to questions in the primary field of study	Responses are incomplete and do not demonstrate advanced knowledge in the primary field of study.	Responses are complete and demonstrate advanced knowledge in the primary field of study	Responses are eloquent and demonstrate high-level knowledge in the primary field of study	
Ability to interpret and analyze data	Little or no connections made with data and interpretation demonstrating poor understanding or the material.	Adequate connections made between data and interpretations demonstrating a solid understanding or the material.	Multiple connections made between data and interpretations demonstrating exceptional understanding or the material.	
Demonstrates a background knowledge of, and ability to	Limited knowledge of background literature	Adequate knowledge of	Outstanding knowledge of	

critically evaluate, the scientific literature in the area of the proposed work	in the area of proposed work	background literature in the area of proposed work	background literature in the area of proposed work	
Overall Assessment	Does not meet expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds expectations	
Additional Comments:				