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**Thesis Defense Rubric – Completed by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*(To be completed by each committee member. Please check boxes for all evaluation criteria that you feel are appropriate within each attribute category)*

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| Attribute | Does Not Meet Expectations | Meets Expectations | Exceeds Expectations |
| Overall quality presentation | Poorly organized  Poor presentation  Poor communication skills  Slides and handouts difficult to read | Clearly organized  Clear presentation  Good communication skills  Slides and handouts clear | Well organized  Professional presentation  Excellent communication skills  Slides and handouts outstanding |
| Overall breadth of knowledge | Presentation unacceptable  Presentation reveals critical weaknesses in depth of knowledge in subject matter  Presentation does not reflect well developed critical thinking skills  Presentation is narrow in scope | Presentation acceptable  Presentation reveals some depth of knowledge in subject matter  Presentation reveals above average critical thinking skills  Presentation reveals the ability to draw from knowledge in several disciplines | Presentation superior  Presentation reveals exceptional depth of subject knowledge  Presentation reveals well developed critical thinking skills  Presentation reveals the ability to interconnect and extend knowledge from multiple disciplines |
| Quality of response to questions | Responses are incomplete  Arguments are poorly presented  Respondent exhibits lack of knowledge in subject area  Responses do not meet level expected of a Ph.D. graduate | Responses are complete  Arguments are well organized  Respondent exhibits adequate knowledge in subject area  Responses meet level expected of a MS graduate | Responses are eloquent  Arguments are skillfully presented  Respondent exhibits superior knowledge in subject area  Responses exceed level expected of a MS graduate |
| Overall Assessment | Does not meet expectations | Meets Expectations | Exceeds Expectations |
| Comments: | | | |