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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 organizedPoor presentationPoor communication skillsSlides and handouts difficult to read  |  Clearly organizedClear presentation Good communication skills Slides and handouts clear | Well organizedProfessional presentation Excellent communication skills Slides and handouts outstanding |
| Overall breadth of knowledge | Presentation unacceptablePresentation reveals critical weaknesses in depth of knowledge in subject matterPresentation does not reflect well developed critical thinking skillsPresentation is narrow in scope | Presentation acceptablePresentation reveals some depth of knowledge in subject matterPresentation reveals above average critical thinking skills Presentation reveals the ability to draw from knowledge in several disciplines | Presentation superiorPresentation reveals exceptional depth of subject knowledgePresentation reveals well developed critical thinking skillsPresentation reveals the ability to interconnect and extend knowledge from multiple disciplines  |
| Quality of response to questions  | Responses are incompleteArguments are poorly presentedRespondent exhibits lack of knowledge in subject areaResponses do not meet level expected of a Ph.D. graduate | Responses are completeArguments are well organizedRespondent exhibits adequate knowledge in subject areaResponses meet level expected of a MS graduate | Responses are eloquentArguments are skillfully presentedRespondent 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: |