

EVALUATION RUBRIC: THESIS (M.S.) DEFENSE EXAM
(Draft)

Candidate Name: _____

Date: _____

Title of Thesis: _____

Evaluation/Guidance	Does not meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exemplary Performance
1. Problem Definition: Has stated the research problem clearly, providing motivation for undertaking the research			
2. Literature and Previous Work: Demonstrated sound knowledge of literature in the area, and of prior work on the specific research problem			
3. Impact of Proposed Research: Demonstrated the potential value of solution to the research problem in advancing knowledge within the area of study			
4. Solution Approach: Has applied sound state-of-the-field research methods/tools to solve the defined problem and has described the methods/tools effectively			
5. Results: Analyzed and interpreted research results/data effectively			
6. Quality of Written and Oral Communication: (a) Communicates research results clearly and professionally in both (a) written and (b) oral form (b)			
7. Critical Thinking: Has demonstrated capability for independent research in the area of study and expertise in the area			
8. Broader Impact: Demonstrated awareness of broader implications of the concluded research. Broader implications may include social, economic, technical, ethical, business, etc. aspects.			
9. Publications: Journal or conference publications have resulted (or are anticipated) from this research			

Overall Assessment: The assessment of the overall performance of the candidate based on the evidence provided in items 1 – 9 above.

CRITERIA	PERFORMANCE RATINGS		
	Does NOT PASS THESIS DEFENSE Exam	Passes THESIS Defense Exam	
OVERALL, My Rating of the Thesis:	Does not meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exemplary Performance

Name of the Examining Committee Member: _____

Signature of the Examining Committee Member: _____