

Kansas State University – Department of _____
Ph.D. Dissertation Defense Assessment Form

Student: _____ Year-Semester: _____ Committee Chair: _____
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Directions to the Members of the Committee: *Place a check mark on the line in front of the rubric description for each Student Learning Outcome Assessment that best reflects the quality of the dissertation and oral defense.*

	1. Deficient	2. Acceptable	3. Proficient	4. Exemplary
Knowledge: <i>An advanced level of knowledge relevant to one's individual fields of study.</i>				
Level of knowledge reflected in dissertation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects unacceptably low level of knowledge.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects acceptable level of knowledge.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects above average level of knowledge.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects outstanding level of knowledge.
Level of knowledge reflected in oral defense.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects unacceptably low level of knowledge.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects acceptable level of knowledge.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects above average level of knowledge.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects outstanding level of knowledge.
Research Methodology: <i>The ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation.</i>				
Level of research methodology reflected in dissertation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects unacceptably low ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects acceptable ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects above average ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects outstanding ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation.
Level of research methodology reflected in oral defense.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects unacceptably low level of ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects acceptable level of ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects above average level of ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Reflects outstanding level of ability to conduct research appropriate to writing a dissertation.

	1. Deficient	2. Acceptable	3. Proficient	4. Exemplary
<i>Communications Skills: The ability to express oneself clearly, accurately, and professionally in both oral and written form.</i>				
Level of communications skills reflected in dissertation.	___ Reflects unacceptably low ability to express oneself clearly, accurately and professionally in written form.	___ Reflects acceptable ability to express oneself clearly, accurately and professionally in written form.	___ Reflects above average ability to express oneself clearly, accurately and professionally in written form.	___ Reflects outstanding ability to express oneself clearly, accurately and professionally in written form.
Level of skill reflected in oral defense.	___ Reflects unacceptably low ability to orally express oneself clearly, accurately and professionally.	___ Reflects acceptable ability to express oneself clearly, accurately and professionally in spoken form.	___ Reflects above average ability to express oneself clearly, accurately and professionally in spoken form.	___ Reflects outstanding ability to express oneself clearly, accurately and professionally in spoken form.
<i>Original Contribution: The ability to produce research in the form of a dissertation that makes an original contribution to the field.</i>				
Extent of original contribution reflected in dissertation.	___ Reflects unacceptably limited original contribution.	___ Reflects acceptable extent of original contribution.	___ Reflects above average original contribution.	___ Reflects outstanding original contribution.
<i>Attitudes and Professional Conduct: The ability to engage in professional conduct, integrity, and ethical behavior.</i>				
Level of attitude and professionalism reflected in the examination.	___ Does not honor the needs and best interests of the profession or demonstrate a pattern of professional behavior. {absence, tardiness, failure to complete tasks, or academic dishonesty.	___ Reflects acceptable ability to honor the needs and best interests of the profession or demonstrate a pattern of professional behavior such as promptness, task completion, maintaining confidentiality, and academic honesty.	___ Consistently and appropriately honors the needs and best interests of the profession demonstrating a pattern of professional behavior such as promptness, task completion, maintaining confidentiality, and academic honesty.	___ Consistently and appropriately honors the needs and best interests of the profession demonstrating a pattern of professional behavior while actively seeks or leads opportunities to select or create appropriate new forums to become involved the profession.