## Student's Graduate Program:

## Thesis/Dissertation ORAL DEFENSE \_\_\_\_\_\_

Rubric – Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by each committee member & reader. Please check each evaluation criteria that you feel are appropriate within each attribute category)

Attribute for ORAL	Does Not Meet Expectations Provide a short explanation for each attribute That you select in this category.	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
Overall quality of 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	<ul> <li>Presentation unacceptable</li> <li>Presentation reveals critical weakness         <ul> <li>In depth of knowledge in subject matter</li> <li>Presentation does not reflect well developed critical thinking skills</li> <li>Presentation is narrow in scope</li> <li>No application to Poultry Science</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Presentation acceptable</li> <li>Presentation reveals some depth of knowledge in subject matter</li> <li>Presentation reveals above average critical thinking skills</li> <li>Presentation reveals the the draw from knowledge in several disciplines</li> <li>Application to Poultry Science evident</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Presentation superior</li> <li>Presentation reveals exceptional depth of subject knowledge</li> <li>Presentation reveals well developed critical thinking skills</li> <li>Presentation reveals the ability to interconnect and extend knowledge from multiple disciplines</li> <li>Presentation shows clear application to Poultry Science</li> </ul>
Quality of response to questions	<ul> <li>Responses are incomplete or required prompting</li> <li>Arguments are poorly presented</li> <li>Respondent exhibits lack of knowledge in subject area</li> <li>Responses do not meet level expected of degree program of graduate (MS or PhD)</li> <li>Student does not realize the connection of research to poultry science</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responses are complete</li> <li>Arguments are well organized</li> <li>Respondent exhibits adequate</li> <li>knowledge in subject area</li> <li>Responses meet level expected</li> <li>of degree program of</li> <li>graduate (MS or PhD)</li> <li>Student adequately connects</li> <li>research to poultry science</li> </ul>	Responses are eloquent        Respondent exhibits superior         knowledge in subject area        Responses exceed level expected         of degree program of graduate         (MS or PhD)        Student is able to discuss in depth         the connection of thesis research         to poultry science
Overall assessment	Does not meet expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
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## Student's Graduate Program:

Thesis/Dissertation Written Material

Rubric – Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attribute for WRITTEN	<b>Does Not Meet Expectations</b> <i>Provide a short explanation for each attribute</i> <i>that you select in this category</i>	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
Overall quality of science	<ul> <li>Arguments are incorrect, incoherent, or flawed</li> <li>Objectives are poorly defined</li> <li>Demonstrated rudimentary critical thinking skills</li> <li>Does not reflect understanding of Subject matter and associated literature</li> <li>Demonstrates poor understanding of theoretical</li> <li>Demonstrates limited originality</li> <li>Displays limited creativity and insight</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Arguments are coherent and clear</li> <li>Objectives are clear</li> <li>Demonstrates average critical thinking skills</li> <li>Reflects understanding of theoretical concepts</li> <li>Demonstrates understanding of theoretical concepts</li> <li>Demonstrates originality</li> <li>Displays creativity and insight</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Arguments are superior</li> <li>Objectives are well defined</li> <li>Exhibits mature, critical thinking skills</li> <li>Exhibits mastery of subject matter and associated literature</li> <li>Demonstrates mastery of theoretical concepts</li> <li>Demonstrates exceptional originality</li> <li>Displays exceptional creativity and insight</li> </ul>
Contribution to discipline	Limited evidence of discovery Limited expansion upon previous research Limited theoretical or applied significance Limited publication impact	Some evidence of discovery Builds upon previous research Reasonable theoretical or applied significance Reasonable publication impact	<ul> <li>Exceptional evidence of discovery</li> <li>Greatly extends previous research</li> <li>Exceptional theoretical or applied</li> <li>significance</li> <li>Exceptional publication impact</li> </ul>
Experimental design imple- mentation and interpretation	<ul> <li>Duplication of previous work.</li> <li>Design/approach not appropriate</li> <li>Data interpretation is inappropriate and/or uses incorrect methodology;</li> <li>Identifies no weakness in interpretation</li> <li>Demonstrates a lack of ability to articulate a critical response in one's own work or that of other research in the field</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Design/approach moderately moderately appropriate or innovative</li> <li>Data interpretation is appropriate and uses limited number of correct methodology;</li> <li>Identifies some weaknesses in interpretation</li> <li>Demonstrates a limited ability to articulate a critical response in in one's own work or that of other research in the field</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Design/approach appropriate of innovative</li> <li>Data interpretation is appropriate and creatively uses correct methodology;</li> <li>Identifies weaknesses in interpretation;</li> <li>Demonstrates an advanced ability articulate a critical response to one's own work or that of other research in the field</li> </ul>
Quality of writing	<ul> <li>Writing is weak</li> <li>Numerous grammatical and spelling errors</li> <li>Organization is poor</li> <li>Documentation is poor</li> </ul>	Writing is adequate Some grammatical and spelling errors apparent Organization is logical Documentation is adequate	<ul> <li>Writing is publication quality</li> <li>No grammatical or spelling errors</li> <li>apparent</li> <li>Organization is excellent</li> <li>Documentation is excellent</li> </ul>
Overall assessment Confidential Co	Does not meet expectations mments:	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations