

Master's Final Defense Rubric

Student: _____ ID: _____

Semester: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year: _____ Degree Program: _____

Majority of master's committee agrees that student scored:

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Written Thesis	Failed to provide adequate written context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	Poorly written context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	Adequately written context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	Clearly written context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	Exemplary written context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	
Research Presentation	Failed to provide adequate verbal and illustrative context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	Poor verbal and illustrative context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	Adequate verbal and illustrative context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	Clear verbal and illustrative context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	Exemplary verbal and illustrative context, rationale, purpose, literature review, research design, analyses of results and conclusive insights of original master's research.	
Master's Defense	Failed to adequately demonstrate proficiency in the basic concepts and theoretical aspects of modern biochemistry and/or molecular biology.	Poorly demonstrated proficiency in the basic concepts and theoretical aspects of modern biochemistry and/or molecular biology.	Adequately demonstrated proficiency in the basic concepts and theoretical aspects of modern biochemistry and/or molecular biology.	Clearly demonstrated proficiency in the basic concepts and theoretical aspects of modern biochemistry and/or molecular biology.	Exemplary demonstration of proficiency in the basic concepts and theoretical aspects of modern biochemistry and/or molecular biology.	
Circle one: Pass Fail If necessary, additional comments on other side. TOTAL =						

Committee Chair/Major Professor (sign, print last name, date)

Committee Member (sign, print last name)

Committee Member (sign, print last name)