

CIS 599 Thesis / CIS 799 Dissertation Defense Form

Student Name:	Jag Number:
Title of Thesis / Dissertation:	Date:
Chair of Committee:	

The oral defense of a thesis or dissertation is to determine if the graduate student has successfully completed an appropriate and original research study within their selected discipline area. The research study is conducted under the supervision and guidance of the members of the student's thesis or dissertation committee.

Assessment Rubric for the Oral Defense: At the conclusion of the oral defense, each member of the committee should complete the defense form. If there is an area in which the committee member feels the student is deficient, meeting minimum expectations or not meeting expectations, please provide a short explanation in the space provided, or on an additional piece of paper.

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Meets Most Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations	Comments / Feedback
Student demonstrates the ability to describe a well-conceptualized problem.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	
Student demonstrates the ability to integrate and critique relevant literature.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	
Student completely uses appropriate research methodology.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	
Student completely uses appropriate and proper assessments and/or evaluations.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	

Student presents reasonable and defensible conclusions.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	
Student researched a problem of appropriate difficulty	High Difficulty	Average - Worthwhile Difficulty	Low Difficulty	Trivial	
This research will contribute to the knowledge base in this discipline.	Highly Significant	Important	Minor Contribution	Little Contribution	
The Quality of the Oral Presentation	Clear, Concise, Complete. Student demonstrates mastery.	Student demonstrates clear competency.	Student is not prepared and requires significant assistance from the committee members.	Unacceptable	
Overall Assessment	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Meets Most Expectations	Do Not Meet Expectations	

Additional Notes: _____

The individual defense forms will be collected by the Chair of the Committee and the committee will vote, after discussion, to determine the Pass/Fail designation. **Students are NOT required to achieve a minimum level of “Meets Most Expectations” on all rubric items to Pass.** Regardless of the outcome of the defense meeting, each of these forms will be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies at the conclusion of the meeting. The student will receive feedback from the Chair of the Committee regarding the overall evaluation of their defense.

_____ Name of Committee Member _____ Signature of Committee Member