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**Final Dissertation Defense Rubrics**

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**Oral Dissertation Defense Rubric**

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| **Section** | **Target** | **Yes/No** | **Comment(s)** |
| Introduction | Clearly and succinctly introduces the audience to the dissertation topic |  |  |
| Literature Review | Demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge and critical interaction of relevant literature; seminal and/or foundational research is present or integrated (for example citing recognized experts in the field) |  |  |
| Theoretical Framework | Delineates and defends an appropriate conceptual/theoretical framework |  |  |
| Need for this Study | Clearly summates the literature review by defending the necessity of the study and the research “gap” it will help “fill” |  |  |
| Methodology | Explicitly articulates and defends the research methodology, noting potential limitations |  |  |
| Data Collection | Thoroughly describes all data collection procedures |  |  |
| Data Analysis | Extensively explains and defends the analysis process; demonstrates a valid and reliable study |  |  |
| Findings | Explicitly depicts and justifies the study results |  |  |
| Conclusion | Seamlessly interweaves findings, current research, and theoretical framework |  |  |
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| Communication: Presentation | Clearly and fluently relays information; refrains from using silence fillers (um, like, ah, and…); appropriate and innovative use of presentation methods; poised |  |  |
| Communication:  Defense | Confidently answers committee and guest faculty questions in a comprehensible and appropriate manner |  |  |

**Written Dissertation Defense Rubric**

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| **Section** | **Target** | **Yes/No** | **Comment(s)** |
| Introduction | Conveyed project within context of literature; strong rationale; purpose was clear and focused |  |  |
| Review of Literature | Comprehensive review of literature relevant to the study; well-organized with nuanced critique regarding relatedness of the research and scholarship reviewed; includes specific criteria for inclusion/exclusion of various theoretical perspectives/empirical studies; clearly describes research samples, methodologies, and findings |  |  |
| Methods | Appropriate detail in description of subjects, design, data, data collection, instrument(s), methods, procedures, and data analysis |  |  |
| Results | All pertinent results reported and in clear and concise manner; tables/figures are labeled appropriately |  |  |
| Discussion and Summary | Compressive yet concise discussion of major findings/outcomes; superior, accurate, engaging, and thought-provoking, conclusions/summaries and recommendations appropriate and clearly based on findings |  |  |
| Writing Quality | Written with great clarity and precision; each sentence is understandable; word choice, grammar, punctuation, and spelling are excellent; narrative is logical and coherent; correct use of 7th edition of APA |  |  |
| General Comments |  | | |

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| **Decision of the Committee:**  **Pass Pass with Modifications Revise & Re-Defend** | |
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