**Qualifying Paper Oral Exam**

Date: Candidate Name:

Name of Oral Exam Committee Member:

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| **Does the student’s performance during the exam meet expectations? The presentation:** | **Does Not Meet Expectations** | **Meets Expectations** | **Exemplary** |
| Synthesizes the central debates among political scientists pertinent to the paper topics. |  |  |  |
| Evaluates the strengths and limitations of the central analytical approaches used by political scientists to address the paper topics. |  |  |  |
| Identifies the contributions of the papers to the relevant literature(s) in Political Science. |  |  |  |
| Identifies the substantive importance of the papers, for some phenomenon(a) in the world. |  |  |  |
| Has a clear topic or purpose. Presenter stays focused on the topic and consistently illustrates connections. |  |  |  |
| Is structured so that it is easy for the audience to follow and understand the information that is being conveyed. There is a clear beginning, middle, and end. |  |  |  |
| Treats with respect the existing scholarship discussed/critiqued. |  |  |  |
| Fully acknowledges all questions and comments made by committee members, e.g., by providing answers, acknowledging remaining issues in the work that need to be addressed. |  |  |  |

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