**M.A. Thesis Oral Defense Evaluation**

Date: Student Name:

Name of Thesis Committee Member:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Does the student’s performance during the defense meet expectations? The student:** | **Does Not Meet Expectations** | **Meets Expectations** | **Exemplary** |
| Clearly identifies the contributions of the thesis to the relevant literature(s) in Political Science. |  |  |  |
| Clearly identifies the substantive importance of the thesis, for some phenomenon(a) in the world. |  |  |  |
| Has a clear topic or purpose. Presenter stays focused on the topic and consistently illustrates connections. |  |  |  |
| Gives a presentation structured such 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. |  |  |  |

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member Signature Date