

Biological Sciences Department

Rubric for Assessing MST Non-Thesis Final Written Exam

Name of MST Non-Thesis Student: _____

Name of Evaluator: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Criterion	1-----2-----3-----4-----5	Poor	Excellent	Score	
Literature review, breadth and understanding of chosen field Knowledge		Shallow, mistaken, containing large gaps, incorrectly cited	Appropriate coverage, accurately represented.	Extensive, synthetic, commanding, shows deep understanding.	
Intellectual structure of essays Critical thinking Knowledge		Poorly defined, illogically argued	Supported by facts, but some incongruity.	Well argued, with each point substantiated.	
Quality of answer to question Communication Knowledge Critical Thinking		Did not address question	Appropriate, though pedestrian answer, hard to follow.	Elegant and thoughtful response, easy to read and understand.	
Grammatical structure of essays Communication		Numerous grammatical and spelling errors, poor organization	Adequate attention to grammar, spelling and organization	Clear exposition, near flawless, logically organized.	

Other comments or recommendations: