

## Biological Sciences Department

### Rubric for Assessing MS Non-Thesis Final Written Exam

Name of MS Non-Thesis Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Criterion	1-----2-----3-----4-----5	Poor	Excellent	Score	
<b>Literature review, breadth and understanding of chosen field</b> Knowledge		Shallow, mistaken, containing large gaps, incorrectly cited	Appropriate coverage, accurately represented.	Extensive, synthetic, commanding, shows deep understanding.	
<b>Intellectual structure of essays</b> Critical thinking Knowledge		Poorly defined, illogically argued	Supported by facts, but some incongruity.	Well argued, with each point substantiated.	
<b>Quality of answer to question</b> Communication Knowledge Critical Thinking		Did not address question	Appropriate, though pedestrian answer, hard to follow.	Elegant and thoughtful response, easy to read and understand.	
<b>Grammatical structure of essays</b> 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: