

## Dissertation and Final Oral Examination Report Form

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

|   | Pass with Distinction | Pass | Pass with additional development recommended | Conditional Pass; requires additional revision | Failure |
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| <b>The Dissertation Project</b>   |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Provides a significant contribution to research in a recognized area of inquiry.  |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Demonstrates mastery of the appropriate methods for scholarly inquiry.  |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Provides focused and significant claims or hypotheses about its subject matter.   |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Provides sufficient support for its claims.   |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Reflects careful preparation of an academic manuscript and the requirements of the Graduate School including proper concern for human subjects research and for intellectual property rights. |                       |      |  |  |         |
| <b>The Oral Defense</b>   |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Identifies and defends the significance of the project.   |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Demonstrates mastery of literature contextualizing the dissertation research.   |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Explains and defends the choices of procedure guiding the research.   |                       |      |  |  |         |
| Offers relevant and compelling evidence and analysis in supporting claims. Calls upon the project to establish its claims.  |                       |      |  |  |         |

Committee members may submit one form for the entire committee if agreement is reached on the ratings. Or, each committee member may submit a separate form if the committee is unable to reach an agreement (in the case of the latter, the chair of the committee should submit all completed forms to the Graduate Coordinator along with a mean average of the total ratings).