

There are two objectives defined by the Assessment Committee for PhD students completing their dissertation. Each student who defended their dissertation this spring must be assessed on each objective. The second and third objectives need to be graded, based on the dissertation, on the form provided. (Objective 1 is assessed at the General Exam. Objective 4 is assessed upon graduation.)

The objectives and rubrics are below. The grading sheet is on the last page.

I don't think there were any students who defended their dissertations during spring, 2010. If I am mistaken, please complete the assessment below.

Objective 2. Students will demonstrate the ability to use tools necessary to do independent research in the area of concentration. (Dissertation)

Fail	Pass/Competent	Pass/Proficient	Pass/Exemplary
Dissertation research does not employ appropriate research methods. Dissertation includes few references related to the area of inquiry or references are not integrated effectively in exploration of the research question(s).	Dissertation research employs appropriate research methods. Dissertation includes several references related to area of inquiry. Sources are effectively integrated into the dissertation document several times in exploration of the research question(s).	Dissertation research employs appropriate research methods. Document includes a wide variety of print and electronic references related to the area of inquiry. Sources are effectively integrated into the dissertation at many appropriate points in exploration of the research question(s).	Dissertation research employs appropriate research methods. Document includes an exhaustive pool of print and electronic references related to the area of inquiry. Sources are effectively integrated throughout the dissertation document in exploration of the research question(s).

Objective 3. Students will demonstrate the ability to make a unique contribution in their area of concentration and disseminate the results of their research through written and oral communication. (Dissertation, two rubrics)

Dissertation Rubric:

Fail	Pass/Competent	Pass/Proficient	Pass/Exemplary
Dissertation document is poorly written and edited. Dissertation represents scholarship that is fundamentally flawed.	Dissertation document is adequately written and edited, approaching the standards of publication in the field of study. Dissertation represents scholarship that is sound, but may have minor flaws.	Dissertation document is well-written and well-edited, conforming to the standards of publication in the field of study. Dissertation represents scholarship that is well-designed and implemented.	Dissertation document is well-written and well-edited, conforming to the standards of publication in the field of study. Dissertation represents scholarship that is well-designed and implemented, contributes to the disciplinary literature, and is ready for publication in a professional journal.

Dissertation Defense Rubric:

Fail	Pass/Competent	Pass/Proficient	Pass/Exemplary
Student is unable to convey ideas adequately through an oral presentation. Presentation is illogical or poorly sequenced. Student is unable to field questions appropriately.	Student is able to convey ideas adequately through an oral presentation. Presentation is logical, but student may lack polish or struggle with the fielding of questions.	Student is able to convey ideas effectively through an oral presentation. Presentation is logical, well-sequenced, and cohesive. Student is comfortable and well-spoken for most of the presentation, fielding questions adequately.	Student is able to convey ideas and eloquently and articulately through an oral presentation. Presentation is logical, well-sequenced, and cohesive. Student is professional and articulate throughout the presentation, fielding questions with ease and accuracy.

For each student:

- Add student's name
- Assign grade
 - Use "F" for fail
 - "P/C" for Pass/Competent
 - "P/P" for Pass/Proficient
 - "P/E" for Pass Exemplary

PhD Dissertation

Student's Name	Research Tools Obj. 2	Grade Dissertation Obj. 3A	Grade Defense Obj. 3B

Faculty Member Assigning Grade _____