

Northern Illinois University
Department of Sociology
Assessment Rubric for Master's Thesis Project

Student Name: _____

Thesis Title: _____

To be Completed by Thesis Chair (Name): _____

Date: _____

Domain	High Pass=2	Pass=1	Fail=0	Score
Research Question/Problem	Communicates a high level of sophistication in presenting and situating research question/problem	Clearly presents research question/problem	Research question/problem unsophisticated or not clearly presented.	
Literature Review	Demonstrates depth of knowledge and thorough preparation in review of literature.	Adequate literature review.	Literature review is incomplete, inaccurate and superficial.	
Methods	Describes and competently implements appropriate methods.	Uses appropriate methods.	Methods not appropriate to research question/problem	
Results and Implications	Presents results thoroughly, with full discussion of their implications for the research question/problem.	Presents results with some discussion of their implications.	Presents results presented incompletely or inaccurately.	
Format and Organization	Thesis is well-organized and logical. Guides the reader through the chain of reasoning or progression of ideas.	Thesis is adequately organized and logical.	Thesis is poorly organized.	
Citations and References	Uses appropriate references with proper citations.	Uses some references with citations.	No references, citations used.	
Verbal Communication	Oral defense presented clearly, concisely. Questions answered directly and succinctly.	Oral defense presented clearly. Questions answered adequately.	Oral defense disorganized. Questions not answered adequately.	
TOTAL SCORE (sum the domain scores: 14=maximum score)				

Narrative/comments germane to assessment of thesis work (attach as necessary):
