

**Biology MS Oral Exam Rubric  
Fall 2019**

Student Evaluated _____
Date: _____ Avg Score _____

**Generic Rubric For Assessing Program Objectives for Advancement to Candidacy**

<b>Unacceptable =1</b> Evidence that the student has mastered this objective is not provided, unconvincing, or very incomplete	<b>Conditional = 2</b> Evidence that the student has mastered this objective is provided, but it is weak or incomplete	<b>Acceptable = 3</b> Evidence shows that the student has generally attained this objective	<b>Exemplary = 4</b> Evidence demonstrates that the student has mastered this objective at a high level
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	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
<b>Demonstrates Knowledge Base</b> Appropriate use of literature related to project Demonstrates mastery of fundamental concepts for subdiscipline		
<b>Displays critical thinking:</b> Introduces study in sound theoretical context Insightful, skillfully designed hypotheses Establishes significance of original research		
<b>Demonstrates understanding of research methods:*</b> Subscale 1: Methods and skill level appropriate for appropriate data collection		
Subscale 2: Analyses approach appropriate to address hypotheses. Sound reasoning for statistical methods		
<b>Effective written communication skills:</b> Appropriate proposal format Form and language are crisp, clear, and succinct; Effective organization contributes to understanding.		
<b>Effective oral communication skills:</b> Appropriate presentation format and organization Engaging presentation style		

**Average score of 2 or better required to pass  
Scores of 1 or 2 in any category require conditional pass (write in conditions below)**

Comments on conclusions reached:  
If conditional Pass, write in conditions of completion of degree below

**Conditions of Admission (list any conditions and how met):**

Date Conditions Met

Committee Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_