

**Biology MS Oral Exam Rubric
Fall 2019**

Student Evaluated _____
Date: _____ Avg Score _____

Generic Rubric For Assessing Program Objectives for Advancement to Candidacy

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