

Graduate Outcome Assessment
Plant Science (PLSC) Graduate Program
MS Thesis Defense Evaluation

Candidate Name: _____ Advisor: _____

Date of Evaluation: _____

Thesis Title: _____

Instructions: Each member of the thesis defense examination committee should complete this evaluation and completed forms should be submitted to the PLSC Graduate Coordinator.

Evaluation Criteria	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exemplary Performance
1. Problem Definition: Research problem is clearly stated and articulated			
2. Literature and Previous Research: Demonstrates a thorough knowledge of literature in the area of research and prior research on the specific research topic			
3. Impact of Research: Demonstrated the value of the research and how it advances knowledge within the area of study			
4. Research Approach: Sound and appropriate research methods/tools used to solve the research problem and the methods/tools were described effectively			
5. Results: Analyzed and interpreted research results/data effectively and appropriately			
6. Quality of Written and Oral Communication: Research results were clearly communicated both written and orally			
7. Critical Thinking: Demonstrated capability for independent research and expertise in the area of study and ability to make original contributions to the field			
8. Broader Impact: Demonstrated awareness of broader impacts of the research to the field of study			
9. Publications: Journal or conference publications have or will result from this research			

Overall Assessment: The assessment of the overall performance of the candidate based on the criteria provided in items 1-9 above.

CRITERIA	PERFORMANCE RATINGS		
	Does Not Pass Thesis Defense Examination	Passes Thesis Defense Examination	
Overall Rating of the Thesis	Does not meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exemplary Performance

Name of Examination Committee Member: _____

Signature of Examination Committee Member: _____