

Graduate Outcome Assessment  
Plant Science (PLSC) Graduate Program  
Ph.D. Candidacy Examination Evaluation

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Criteria	Exemplary	Strong	Competent	Marginal	Unacceptable
Understanding of Questions	Responds incisively and directly to questions asked.	Most responses are direct and relevant to the questions asked.	Responds adequately to questions asked; occasionally responds with unrelated information	Confuses some significant concepts in the questions asked.	Does not understand questions and/or concepts.
Response to Questions	Response to questions are specific, defensible and complex.	Response to questions are more general, but still accurate: analyses goes beyond the obvious.	Responses to questions are overly general and disorganized; may have some factual, interpretive or conceptual errors.	Response to questions are vague or irrelevant.	No discernable response to most questions asked.
Support of Arguments	Provides substantial, well-chosen evidence and used strategically.	Provides sufficient and appropriate evidence to support arguments.	Provides some evidence but not always relevant, sufficient or integrated into the response.	Evidence usually only narrative or anecdotal; awkwardly or incorrectly used to support arguments.	Little or not evidence used to support arguments.
Communication of Responses	Responses are presented and communicated in a professional manner.	Most responses are presented and communicated well; few problems in communication of ideas and concepts.	Responses are generally presented and communicated adequately; occasional problems in communication of ideas and concepts.	Responses sometimes repetitive and not related topic; frequent problems in communication of ideas and concepts.	Responses are not coherent, illogical poorly structured; student fails to communicate ideas and concepts.

Name of Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_