Evaluation Rubric: M.S. Thesis Defense Examination

Date_____

Candidate Name Last (Print)_____

First (Print)_____

Academic Plan number_____

Title of Thesis_____

Evaluation	Does not meet Expectations (1)	Meets Expectations (2)	Exceeds Expectations (3)
Problem Definition: Has stated the research problem clearly, providing motivation for the work.			
Literature & Previous Work: Demonstrates sound knowledge of literature and previous work in the area			
Results: Has applied research methods and tools to solve the problem. Has analyzed and interpreted results and data effectively.			
Quality of Written Thesis: Communicates research results clearly and professionally in the written thesis.			
Quality of Oral Defense: Communicates results clearly and professionally in the oral presentation and independently answers questions in the area of expertise.			
Overall Assessment: The assessment of the overall performance of the candidate based on the evidence in the above items.			

Name of Committee Member (Print)_____

Name of Committee Member (Signature)_____

Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of a MS in Engineering (thesis), a student will be able to:

1. apply master's level engineering concepts to research a new problem or answer a novel question by using engineering analysis, experimentation, and or computer simulations.
2. effectively communicate all aspects of their research project in both oral and in written form.