

Dissertation Defense Assessment Rubric

Identifier:

Date:

Dissertation Committee Member:

Directions: Evaluate this student's written dissertation and oral defense of the research with a score between 1 (Needs Improvement) and 5 (Excellent) for each of the criteria described below. Remember this is not an evaluation of the student or of the dissertation, but an evaluation of how well (or not) SLAT has enabled the student to achieve the stated goal. Below each score and statement, briefly comment on the rationale if your score is less than 5. Send your completed rubric to GIDP-SLAT@email.arizona.edu.

Score (1 - 5) where

1-Needs improvement

2-Developing

3-Progressing

4-Achieving

5-Excellent

1. _____ The dissertation is well written.

2. _____ The problems are clearly described with adequate critical analysis of the related literature.

3. _____ The research design for studying the problem is appropriate and data collection is appropriate.

4. _____ The data are adequately analyzed.

5. _____ The conclusions drawn from the analysis are well defended. The student adequately responds to challenges to interpretations and conclusions.

6. _____ The student demonstrates the ability to extrapolate specific concepts to broader implications for the field.

7. _____ The student demonstrates the ability to anticipate the logical next level of inquiry.