

RUBRIC FOR PROPOSAL DEFENCE

EXCELLENT (acceptable with minor or no revision)	GOOD (acceptable with minor revision)	SATISFACTORY (acceptable with major revision)	UNSATISFACTORY (unacceptable & requires major revision)
6 scale	5 scale	4 scale	3-1 scale
Title and Abstract (5%)			
<p>The title and abstract clearly and precisely:</p> <p>state the research purpose and objectives summarize methods used describe major findings in relation to the objectives highlight major implications/findings abstracts must not exceed 500 words</p>	<p>The title and abstract clearly:</p> <p>state the research purpose and objectives summarize methods used describe major findings highlight major implication abstracts must not exceed 500 words</p>	<p>The title and abstract attempt to address all or most of the following:</p> <p>state the research purpose and objectives summarize methods used describe major findings highlight major implication abstracts must not exceed 500 words</p>	<p>The title and abstract fail to address all or most of the following:</p> <p>state the research purpose and objectives summarize methods used describe major findings highlight major implication abstracts must not exceed 500 words</p>
Introduction (25%)			
<p>The introduction clearly, convincingly and precisely (in relation to or within the research context) provides the following:</p> <p>states the problem/issues provides a research framework gives the research questions /objectives states the significance of the study defines operational terms/ definitions</p>	<p>The introduction clearly provides the following:</p> <p>states the problem/issues provides a research framework gives the research questions /objectives states the significance of the study defines operational terms/ definitions</p>	<p>The introduction attempts to address all or most of the following:</p> <p>states the problem/issues provides a research framework gives the research questions /objectives states the significance of the study defines operational terms/ definitions</p>	<p>The introduction fails to address all or most of the following:</p> <p>states the problem/issues provides a research framework gives the research questions /objectives states the significance of the study defines operational terms/ definitions</p>
Literature review (25%)			
<p>The review achieves the following:</p> <p>Narrative integrates critical and logical details from the peer-reviewed theoretical and research literature. Attention is given to different perspectives, threats to validity, and opinion vs. evidence.</p>	<p>The review achieves most of the following:</p> <p>Narrative integrates critical and logical details from the peer-reviewed theoretical and research literature. Attention is given to different perspectives, threats to validity, and opinion vs. evidence.</p>	<p>The review attempts to address all or most of the following:</p> <p>Narrative integrates critical and logical details from the peer-reviewed theoretical and research literature. Attention is given to different perspectives, threats to validity, and opinion vs. evidence.</p>	<p>The review fails to address all or most of the following:</p> <p>Narrative integrates critical and logical details from the peer-reviewed theoretical and research literature. Attention is given to different perspectives, threats to validity, and opinion vs. evidence.</p>
Conceptual Framework / Methods / Approach (20%)			
<p>The description of the conceptual framework and methodology is clear and corresponding justification is convincing and in accordance with acceptable research conventions. This includes:</p> <p>theoretical framework research sample, sample procedure and technique instrumentation data collection procedures</p>	<p>The description of the conceptual framework and methodology is quite clear and corresponding justification is mostly convincing and in accordance with acceptable research conventions. This includes:</p> <p>theoretical framework research sample, sample procedure and technique instrumentation data collection procedures</p>	<p>The description of the conceptual framework and methodology is somewhat clear and corresponding justification is marginally convincing and in accordance with acceptable research conventions. Attempts to address all or most of the following, but could be more convincing:</p> <p>theoretical framework research sample, sample procedure and technique instrumentation data collection procedures</p>	<p>The description of the conceptual framework and methodology is not clear and corresponding justification is unconvincing and not in accordance with acceptable research conventions. Fails to address all or most of the following, but could be more convincing:</p> <p>theoretical framework research sample, sample procedure and technique instrumentation data collection procedures</p>
Discussion and Conclusion (5%)			
<p>The discussion and conclusion clearly, convincingly and precisely:</p> <p>Summarize the findings Provide perspective on the findings Relate back to the introduction</p>	<p>The discussion and conclusion quite clearly, convincingly and precisely:</p> <p>Summarize the findings Provides perspective on the finding Relate back to the introduction</p>	<p>The discussion and conclusion attempts to address all or most of the following, but could be more clear and convincing:</p> <p>Summarize the findings Provide perspective on the finding</p>	<p>The discussion and conclusion fail to address all or most of the following clearly and convincingly:</p> <p>Summarize the findings Provide perspective on the finding</p>

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and tie everything together	and ties everything together	Relate back to the introduction and ties everything together	Relate back to the introduction and ties everything together
Academic Style, Language and References (10%)			
Consistently applied standards of language composition, and APA guidelines, especially in regards to citations, references, headings, table of contents, page numbers, and running headers. Limited errors in spelling, grammar, word order, word usage, sentence structure, and/or punctuation. The reference list is complete and accurate.	Manuscript conformed to most standards of language composition and APA guidelines. Few errors per page that do not impede the meaning in spelling, grammar, word order, word usage, sentence structure, and/or punctuation The reference list is mostly complete and accurate.	Weak, incomplete, ambiguous, or inconsistent application of APA; manuscript organization, rules of language composition. Noticeable errors that do not impede readability. Moderate editing needed. The reference list is incomplete and / or contains some inaccuracies.	Failure to apply standard rules for manuscript presentation and language composition Errors begin to impede readability. Significant editing needed. Several errors per paragraph informal language used in multiple instances The reference list is incomplete and inaccuracies.
Communication / Presentation (Q&A) (5%)			
The candidate demonstrates the following: Research information is presented in logical, interesting and effective sequence and easy to follow. Very clear voice, fluent, confident, very good body-language.	The candidate demonstrates the following: Research information is presented in sequence that can be followed. Clear voice, fluent, confident, good body-language.	The candidate demonstrates the following: Research information is presented in less logical sequence. Clear voice, fluent, confident, good body-language.	The candidate demonstrates the following: Research information is presented in no logical sequence. Voice not clear, hesitation and no body-language

Marking Scheme:

Marks	Grade	Grade Point	Interpretation	
90-100 80 – 89 75 - 79	A+ A A-	4.0 4.0 3.7	Excellent / Pass	
70 -74 65 - 69	B+ B	3.3 3.0		Good / Pass
0 - 64	<i>Fail / Repeat Proposal Defence Seminar</i>			