

CIS 595 Thesis / CIS 799 Dissertation Prospectus Defense Form

Student Name:	Jag Number:
Title of Proposed Thesis / Dissertation:	Date:
Chair of Committee:	

The purpose of the oral defense of the thesis/dissertation prospectus is to determine if the Masters/PhD Student is well-prepared to begin formalized work on their thesis/dissertation research. No actual research should be started without an approved prospectus defense.

Assessment Rubric for the Oral Prospectus Defense: At the conclusion of the oral prospectus defense, each member of the committee should complete the prospectus defense form. If there is an area in which the committee member feels the student is deficient, meeting minimum expectations or not meeting expectations, please provide a short explanation in the space provided, or on an additional piece of paper.

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Meets Most Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations	Comments / Feedback
Student demonstrates the ability to describe a well-conceptualized problem.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	
Student demonstrates the ability to integrate and critique relevant literature.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	
Student demonstrates appropriate understanding of the research methodology to be used in this study.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	
Student demonstrates adequate knowledge of an issue identified in the literature, theory or practice.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	

Student researched a problem of appropriate difficulty.	High Difficulty	Average - Worthwhile Difficulty	Low Difficulty	Trivial	
This research will contribute to the knowledge base of this discipline.	Highly Significant	Important	Minor Contribution	Little Contribution	
Student demonstrates an overall breadth of knowledge in the core areas of computing.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Little to None	
Quality of the oral Presentation.	Clear, Concise, Complete. Student demonstrates mastery.	Student demonstrates clear competency.	Student is not prepared and requires significant assistance from the committee members.	Unacceptable	
Overall Assessment	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Meets Most Expectations	Do Not Meet Expectations	

Additional Notes: _____

The individual defense forms will be collected by the Chair of the Committee and the committee will vote, after discussion, to determine the Pass/Fail designation. **Students are NOT required to achieve a minimum level of “Meets Most Expectations” on all rubric items to Pass.** Regardless of the outcome of the prospectus defense meeting, each of these forms will be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies at the conclusion of the meeting. The student will receive feedback from the Chair of the Committee regarding the overall evaluation of their defense.

_____ Name of Committee Member _____ Signature of Committee Member