

UPPP Dissertation Defense Rubric

The Dissertation Supervisory Committee (DSC) determines when the student's dissertation is ready to be defended in a public oral examination. The examination is conducted by the DSC, and although it is concerned primarily with the dissertation research, it may explore the student's knowledge in areas relevant to the core of the dissertation's problem.

Committee Member: please assess the student's performance using this rubric and provide it to the Chair.

Committee Chair: please collect the rubrics and submit them to the CAPPA Graduate Advisor along with the Dissertation Defense form.

Student Name: _____

Dissertation Title: _____

Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

1. Are the dissertation research questions well formulated?

- A Excellent B Satisfactory C Unsatisfactory

2. Is the methodology sound and appropriate?

- A Excellent B Satisfactory C Unsatisfactory

3. Are the findings of the research adequately articulated?

- A Excellent B Satisfactory C Unsatisfactory

4. Are conclusions, implications and consequences of the research well thought out and presented?

- A Excellent B Satisfactory C Unsatisfactory

5. Is the dissertation well written (i.e., grammatically correct and clearly written).

- A Excellent B Satisfactory C Unsatisfactory

6. The dissertation makes a _____ contribution to the field?

- A Excellent B Satisfactory C Unsatisfactory

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