**UEP – EVALUATION OF FINAL PROJECTS AT THE COMPLETION OF THE MA PROGRAM**

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**Name of student** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **ID#** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of committee member** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Degree plan: \_\_\_\_\_ *Thesis, \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis-substitute, \_\_\_\_\_ Non-thesis***

**Title of Project** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Criterion-based assessment of final MA project:**

***4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor***

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| **NON-THESIS** | **Rating** | **THESIS-SUBSTITUTE** | **Rating** | **THESIS** | **Rating** |
| **Writing** – Written work is clearly organized and effective in presentation |  | **Writing** – Written work is clearly organized and effective in presentation |  | **Writing** – Written work is clearly organized and effective in presentation |  |
| **Citations** – Student properly cites sources |  | **Citations** – Student properly cites sources |  | **Citations** – Student properly cites sources |  |
| **Oral presentation** – Student persuasively responds to questions about the project |  | **Oral defense** – Student persuasively responds to questions about the project |  | **Oral defense** – Student persuasively responds to questions about the project |  |
| **Targeted** – Written work clearly addresses the selected prompt *(see next page)* |  | **Relevance** – Written work provides a clear statement of the topic, objectives, and their relevance  |  | **Relevance** – Written work provides a clear statement of the topic, objectives, and their relevance |  |
| **Integrative** – Written work is broadly integrative, drawing from the range of sociology courses completed |  | **Integrative** – Written work shows knowledge of and synthesizes previous research on the topic |  | **Integrative** – Written work shows knowledge of and synthesizes previous research on the topic |  |
| **Materials** – Handout or slides accurately summarize main points |  | **Theory** – Written work is grounded in theory  |  | **Theory** – Written work is grounded in theory  |  |
|  |  | **Methodology** – If applicable, proposed research design is appropriate for topic  |  | **Methodology** – Student demonstrates skill in methodology and analysis  |  |

**Non-Thesis:** A written essay synthesizing the students' coursework in response to one of two supplied prompts.

1. Describe how the knowledge you have acquired from courses you have taken for your M.A. in sociology has prepared you for your current occupation or career of choice. Include specific examples of sociological concepts, theories and/or methods that have been or will be particularly useful, and explain in what ways.
2. Select a social or cultural issue and describe how courses you have taken for your M.A. in sociology have informed your understanding of the issue. Include specific examples of concepts, theories and/or methods in explaining how your coursework has influenced your understanding of the issue.

**Thesis-substitute:** An academic literature review, research design, or an internship report on a selected sociological topic of individual interest.

**Thesis:** A substantial original empirical or theoretical research project on a sociological topic of individual interest.