**Thesis Proposal Checklist**  
Scientific Knowledge, Theoretical and Methodological Knowledge, Professionalism and Ethical Standards

Human Development and Family Studies  
Program Texas Tech University

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*A NO on any of these items will result in not meeting expected level of competency for the Thesis Proposal*

**Project Scope**  
Student has identified an area of study that has relevance to human development and family studies and in which an original contribution can be made*   
Yes  No

Scope of student's research study is appropriate for a thesis-level project*   
Yes  No

**Literature Review**  
Student provides a concise, well organized, and integrated review of relevant literature in the Introduction section*   
Yes  No

Student adequately evaluates existing literature   
Yes  No

Student addresses strengths and limitations of existing literature   
Yes  No

Student makes a clear argument for need to conduct research on proposed topic*   
Yes  No

**Purpose of Study**  
The purpose of the study is clearly stated*   
Yes  No

Research questions are appropriate and clearly articulated Hypotheses are   
Yes  No

appropriate and clearly articulated (if applicable)   
Yes  No

Supporting literature is provided for hypotheses /research questions   
Yes  No

Student is able to clearly identify different types of variables (independent, dependent, mediators, moderators) (if applicable)   
Yes  No

**Research Design/Methods**  
Research design is appropriate to address hypotheses*   
Yes  No

Student demonstrates evidence that, when possible or relevant, s/he conducted a power analysis to estimate sample size   
Yes  No

Number of participants is appropriate for study   
Yes  No

Measures/Interview Questions included in study are appropriate for study (i.e., valid measures of target constructs)   
Yes  No

Description of measures/interview questions used in study is provided (e.g., dimensional/factorial structure; relevant forms of reliability, validity studies)   
Yes  No

Student recognizes limitations of proposed thesis research project   
Yes  No

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Data Collection
Data collection procedures are in accordance with TTU's IRB guidelines*  ____  ____

Data collection procedures are in accordance with APA’s Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct*  ____  ____

Data Analysis
Student identifies, provides rationale, and adequately describes statistical/analytical procedures chosen to analyze data*  ____  ____

Proposal Document
Student adheres to guidelines set forth by the APA Publication Manual (6th edition)  ____  ____

Document is well organized, written in a clear, concise, and grammatically correct manner*  ____  ____

Professionalism
Student demonstrates mastery of relevant literature, research study, and is able to adequately answer questions in a thoughtful and scholarly manner  ____  ____

Student conducted him/herself in a professional manner*  ____  ____

A minimum of 20 out of 24 (83%) categories need to be marked ‘Yes’ to have the thesis proposal approved. Items designated with a * must be marked YES in order to meet expected level of competency.

_____ Yes, student meets or exceeds expected level of competency for the thesis proposal.

_____ No, student does not meet expected level of competency for the proposal.

Comments:
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Student  Date  Chair, Thesis Committee  Date

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