**7000 Paper, MA Thesis, or Dissertation Assessment Rubric**

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**Scoring & Criteria:**

* Each committee member evaluates each item with a mark of 1 (pass) or 0 (fail) and calculates the summed score.
* For each section, the committee chair totals the scores and assigns an overall Pass/Fail score as follows:  
  ***Pass*** if total => (number of committee members) \* 3 \* 0.8.
* To pass the exam, a candidate must receive an overall score of ***Pass*** for each section**.**
* The committee chair reports the Pass/Fail status **of each section** to the Program Director.

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| **THE LITERATURE REVIEW** | **Pass**  **1** | **Fail**  **0** |
| 1. provides a clear and well-organized description of the research problem and its scientific context |  |  |
| 1. provides thematic, comprehensive, and up-to-date coverage of the appropriate research literature |  |  |
| 1. includes an adequate critical analysis of the research literature |  |  |
| **SCORE (maximum = 3)** |  | |

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| **THE METHOD SECTION** | **Pass**  **1** | **Fail**  **0** |
| 1. provides a balanced analysis of the methodology and experimental design required to attack the research problem |  |  |
| 1. provides clear and detailed descriptions of all methods, materials, procedures and subjects, with appropriate justifications |  |  |
| 1. identifies criteria for selection of analytic procedures and provides clear and detailed descriptions of the analytic plan and of all statistical and other analytical techniques, including criteria for omission of data |  |  |
| **SCORE (maximum = 3)** |  | |

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| **THE RESULTS SECTION** | **Pass**  **1** | **Fail**  **0** |
| 1. appropriately applies the analytic techniques used to evaluate data |  |  |
| 1. reports the results of all studies conducted, and differentiates appropriately between exploratory studies and studies to test specific hypotheses |  |  |
| 1. contains sufficient, well-presented, and well-interpreted data |  |  |
| **SCORE (maximum = 3)** |  | |

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| **THE CONCLUSION / DISCUSSION SECTION** | **Pass**  **1** | **Fail**  **0** |
| 1. summarizes the findings and suggested conclusions and alternative interpretations |  |  |
| 1. evaluates the strengths and limitations of the work, with suggestions for future approaches to overcome the latter |  |  |
| 1. integrates the findings with the appropriate literature and delineates how the work contributes to the body of knowledge |  |  |
| **SCORE (maximum = 3)** |  | |