

Dissertation Proposal Rubric (Revised 8/17/17)

A. Specify Topic Domain

1	2	3	4	5
Topic is unspecified, unfocused, or too broad		Insufficient topic breadth or depth		Appropriate breadth; only relevant work cited

B. Demonstrate Control of Literature

1	2	3	4	5
Studies cited without connection		Studies cited with some linkage; synthesis of literature (e.g. meta-analysis)		Fluent, well integrated connections made; leads to next steps

C. Establish Importance of Topic

1	2	3	4	5
Topic relayed without context in literature		Some indication of topic importance noted		Topic importance for research confirmed

D. Identify Research Hypotheses

1	2	3	4	5
No hypotheses; not stated in research context	Work cited without research context		Gaps in research findings noted	Formulation of research ideas; clear hypotheses stated

E. Demonstrate Command of Foundational Concepts (i.e., theory, models) Related to Literature

1	2	3	4	5
Related foundation concepts ignored or glossed over		Important concepts mentioned; understanding not well demonstrated		Foundation concepts integrated with fluid clarity

F. Research Design

1	2	3	4	5
No design proposed		Design does not match problem		Multivariate Statistical design reflects sophistication of problem

G. Applied Measurement to Research Approaches

1	2	3	4	5
Instruments adopted without empirical		Reviews of instruments based on technical reliability		Instrumentation reflects advanced procedures review & validity research (e.g. confirmatory factor analysis, inter-rater reliability analyses, construct validity evidence)

H. Sample

1	2	3	4	5
Samples not defined		Sample size ill-defined; sample does not address hypothesis		Samples are feasible and generalizable

I. Oral Presentation

1	2	3	4	5
Defensiveness		Demonstrated depth of expertise		Ability to respond meaningfully to questions and offer appropriate feedback

J. Feasibility

1	2	3	4	5
Research design has major constraints; not feasible		Research design has minor constraints that may impact ability to carry out the planned work		Research design is feasible

K. Leadership Implications/Connections

1	2	3	4	5
Unspecified/unfocused	Insufficient depth or breadth	Linkages noted but not well integrated		Clear connections made; implications and possibilities discussed and integrated

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Approved with stipulations listed below _____

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