

RESEARCH PAPER MATRIX

Department of Political Science

M.A./Ph.D. Program

Date:

Student's Name:

Committee Members:

Instructions: In addition to grading the student's research paper, as part of the Department's program of outcomes assessment, please rate as a committee the student's performance using the following criteria. *Please also indicate the single student learning outcome on which the student performed best by checking one box in the asterisk column.*

Student Learning Outcome	Fail	MA-level pass	PhD-level pass	PhD-level pass with distinction	*
Thorough grasp of major theories and literature relevant to the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical thinking (methodological)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical thinking (theoretical)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to execute appropriate research design and methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity to conduct an original research project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Analytical writing that is clear and appropriate to the audience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

FAIL

M.A. PASS

Ph.D. PASS

Ph.D. PASS WITH DISTINCTION