

## Graduate Student Milestone Assessment – Research Skills

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**This assessment is to be completed by each member of the Thesis/Dissertation committee.**

**Rate each element from 1 (excellent) to 5 (poor); rating of 3 (average) meets expectations.  
If ratings do not meet expectations, please provide a short explanation.**

**For Ph.D. students:**

Research skills are to be assessed at the successful completion of the student's dissertation proposal, and again at the successful completion of the student's dissertation.

**For M.S. students:**

Research skills are to be assessed at the successful completion of the student's thesis proposal, and again at the successful completion of the student's thesis.

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**Student's name:**

**Date:**

**Committee member:**

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	Thesis/Dissertation Proposal	Final Thesis/Dissertation
<p><i><b>Learner Outcome 2:</b> Develop a research proposal that has the potential to generate new scientific knowledge.</i></p> <p><i><b>Learner Outcome 3:</b> Prepare and defend a written scientific thesis that reflects a thorough understanding of the field of research. The thesis should make a substantial contribution of new knowledge to the field.</i></p>		
Overall quality of science		
Content development		
Disciplinary conventions		
Control of syntax and mechanics		
Degree of Independence		
<b>CUMULATIVE SCORE</b>		

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*After each assessment period, submit the completed form to the SACS Coordinator*

*All completed assessments are to be treated as confidential.*

*Data will be used for programmatic assessment and summary reports will be provided to the faculty annually.*