

Master's Degree Thesis Screening Examination Rubric for Academic Thesis

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Thesis Title: _____

Evaluation criteria	Criteria (below)/Points (right)	0 Below 1 point	1 Insufficient	2 Somewhat insufficient	3 Satisfactory	4 Good	5 Excellent
A. Appropriateness of research objective/theme, title/subtitle, etc.	(1) The research objective has been indicated clearly and the title reflects the contents of the dissertation appropriately.						
	(2) The research theme is appropriately in line with the research objective and contents.						
B. Appropriateness, adequacy, and originality of awareness of current circumstances, identification of issues/establishment of problems, analysis method/resolution method, conclusion	(3) The individual's awareness of current circumstances, identification of issues, and establishment of problems, etc., are appropriate in light of the research objective.						
	(4) The contents indicate originality, new knowledge, contributions, etc.						
C. Appropriateness of the dissertation structure/consistency and adequacy of the discussion/appropriateness of the conclusion, etc.	(5) The research objective or a basic research question is clearly stated.						
	(6) A clear framework of analysis is developed with adequate review of literature, clear identification and definitions of concepts, and theoretical supports.						
	(7) The framework of analysis develops the authors' creative arguments.						
	(8) Research method, information sources, and data properly correspond with the framework of analysis.						
	(9) The analyses are conducted appropriately and logically to correspond to research objectives and the analytical framework.						
	(10) The analytical findings clearly support conclusions.						
D. Clarity/argument construction/appropriateness of textual expression, etc.	(11) The thesis is structured logically and persuasively and is easy to understand.						
E. Dissertation format, use of citations, indication of reference materials, etc.	(12) The thesis is organized in an overall format suitable for a master's dissertation, including notes, proper citations, reference materials, etc.						
F. Vertical total	(1) to (12)						
G. Score	Rubric score _____ points (Examiner name: [Chief examiner / Deputy examiner])						

*1 "F. Vertical total" in the table is the total of the score for the standards/degree of achievement for each of the evaluation items in (1) through (12), indicated on a scale of 0 to 5.

*2 "G. Score" in the table is the "rubric score" given by each committee member by calculating the total of the vertical totals of each standard/degree of achievement.

*3 Each of the chief examiner and the deputy examiner creates a Thesis Screening Rubric. The average of the scores given by both examiners is used as the "Judgment and Overall Score."

*4 An average score of at least 36 points (calculated from the rubric scores of each examiner) is required to pass.