

Master's Degree Thesis Screening Examination Rubric for Policy Paper

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Student No. _____ Name _____

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, etc.	(1) The research question is clearly defined and presented in such a way that would warrant investigation.						
	(2) The research theme is appropriately in line with the research objective and contents.						
B. Appropriateness and originality of research question, methodology, conclusions, etc.	(3) The research question is clearly spelled out and original.						
	(4) The research methods adopted are appropriate in light of the research question.						
	(5) The conclusions being drawn is logically consistent and empirically grounded.						
C. Appropriateness of the paper structure, consistency, and adequacy of the discussion, appropriateness of the conclusion.	(6) The structure of the policy paper is appropriate for the research objective, and it is logically consistent.						
	(7) The concepts, theory, and terminology are explained with sufficient understanding.						
	(8) The necessary materials, data, literature, etc., are appropriately indicated and analyzed.						
	(9) Conclusions are drawn with sufficient proof.						
D. Clarity/argument construction/appropriateness of textual expression, etc.	(10) The main argument is easy to understand and the policy recommendations are laid out appropriately.						
	(11) Textual expression is appropriate and the intent of the dissertation is clear.						
E. Paper format, use of citations, indication of reference materials, etc.	(12) The policy paper indicates notes, works cited, reference materials, etc., appropriately.						
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.