

Written Examination – Grading Rubric
Department of Chemistry, University of Florida

Student Name:

Committee Member Name:

Date:

Instructions for the committee member: Please read the Written Examination Document, fill out this rubric, and return the completed form to the student's thesis advisor.

	Competency Expectation	Failing		Passing	
Topic:		Unacceptable	Poor	Acceptable	Outstanding
Selection	Can select a topic at the cutting edge of research area				
Significance	Can explain the significance of the topic to a non-scientific audience				
Background	Demonstrates comprehensive knowledge of the topic				
Methods and Analytics	Clear understanding of the methods and analytical tools required for the research				
Challenges	Understands current challenges in the research and can propose alternatives				
Future Directions	Can recognize the key outstanding challenges in the topic				
Document:					
Writing Skills	Communicates clearly and concisely				
Structure, Organization, and Grammar	Strong relationship among ideas; grammatically correct				
Graphics	Clear, made from scratch, interpretable without text				
Overall rating					