Department of Economics

Thesis Oral Examination

Candidate: ___________ Advisor: ______ Examiner: ___________________

Please evaluate each aspect of the candidate’s work identified below. Circle the number which best reflects your assessment of the candidate’s level of progress, knowledge, and/or understanding.

4: Impressive (Consideration and clear understanding of key elements is evident.)
3: Satisfactory (Some minor oversights or gaps in understanding are evident.)
2: Unsatisfactory, but passable (There is a major oversight or significant misunderstanding, but progress is evident.)
1: Unacceptable (There is little or no evidence of progress/knowledge/understanding.)

1. Clarity of focus of study. 4 3 2 1

2. Knowledge of institutional/historical context (relevance of topic) 4 3 2 1

3. Understanding of basic economic model(s) used to frame hypothesis. 4 3 2 1

4. Knowledge of relevant economics literature (previous modeling) 4 3 2 1

5. Rationale for selection of sample (i.e., evidence base) to test hypothesis and consideration of any impact on validity of test. 4 3 2 1

6. Understanding of data limitations (e.g., measurement problems) 4 3 2 1

7. Progress of empirical analysis 4 3 2 1

8. Understanding of likely policy implications of empirical findings 4 3 2 1

9. Plan for completion of work (awareness of nature and extent of unresolved problems) 4 3 2 1