BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
GRADUATE THESIS DEFENSE EVALUATION FORM

Student Name: ___________________________________________  NMU IN: ____________________________

THESIS DEFENSE EVALUATION
In order for a graduate student thesis defense to be accepted in the Northern Michigan University Biology Department, ALL THREE of the following elements must meet the required criteria for success (achieve a “pass”). Criteria are evaluated by the thesis advisory committee.

Seminar

Criteria:
• Seminar was orally presented in a professionally appropriate manner according to his/her discipline
• Content was presented in a visually effective manner according to his/her discipline
• Presenter was able to effectively and professionally answer questions from the audience

Thesis (written)

Criteria:
• Thesis was presented in a style appropriate to the discipline
• Thesis project was soundly conducted and appropriate analysis was presented based on the data and results shown.
• Interpretation of results was sound and in accord with theoretical and analytical constructs of the discipline.

Oral Examination

Criteria:
• Student clearly explained results of the thesis project and discussed their implications
• Student showed understanding of his/her disciplinary knowledge appropriate to a Master’s degree.

This form must be signed on the defense date regardless of the outcome of the evaluation. The student may resubmit any of the three elements of the Thesis Defense, should they be necessary, once. If an element receives a “fail”, it may not be resubmitted.

Thesis Committee Chair ____________________________  Date ____________
Third Reader (opt) ____________________________  Date ____________
First Reader ____________________________  Date ____________
Fourth Reader (opt) ____________________________  Date ____________
Second Reader ____________________________  Date ____________

Submit: Original to Graduate School; Copies to: Department Office, Advisor, Student