**Rubric for the analysis of master’s papers and dissertation theses**

***(These ratings have no impact on an individual student. They are used for program-wide assessment.)***

Name of student:

Committee member’s name:

Theory

Where would you place the **theoretical analysis** of this thesis on the following scale:

Knowledge of the literature-------🡪 Synthesis of major arguments-----🡪 Extension of theory, novel ideas

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What is the likelihood that the **theoretical contributions** of this thesis could be developed into a published, peer-reviewed piece? (X anywhere on the line)

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Methods

Where would you place the **methodological sophistication** of this thesis on the following scale:

Appropriate methods --------------🡪 Sophisticated methods -------------🡪 Innovative, exceptional methods

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What is the likelihood that the **methodological contributions or findings** of this thesis could be developed into a published, peer-reviewed piece? (X anywhere on the line)

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Writing at a Professional Level

Where would you place the **professional writing** demonstrated in this thesis on the following scale:

Acceptable written analysis --------🡪 Excellent written analysis ---------🡪 Exceptional written analysis

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How relevant is the **topic of the thesis** to the discipline of Sociology? (circle one)

Of interest to a subfield Important to a subfield Important to a few subfields Discipline-wide

What is the likelihood that a portion or all of this thesis could be published in a **leading journal** in the student’s field or with a **leading** **university press**? (X anywhere on the line)

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