Department of Microbiology and Cell Science

Ph.D. Degree Program
Rubric for Use in Qualifying Examination for the Ph.D. in Microbiology and Cell Science

Student Name: ________________________________    UF ID: __________________

Examination Date: ________________________________

Written Exam:

Equal weighting of questions from topic areas identified by each committee member.

Satisfactory  Needs Improvement  Unsatisfactory
(≥75%)       (>75% on 1 or 2 parts)  (<75% overall)

Defense of Proposal (Oral Exam):

Proposal definition: Delineates the proposed research & its key questions and hypotheses.

Literature of proposal: Demonstrates sound knowledge of the literature of the research area and the field.

Context: Student communicates the broader implications of the basic and/or applied research.

Defense of written proposal: Orally communicates concepts and details of the written proposal. Addresses questions and concerns with knowledge and professionalism.

Committee Chair: ________________________________ Signature: ________________________________
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