

**Department of Poultry Science
Defense Skills Assessment Form**

This form should be filled out at the conclusion of the MS Thesis or PhD Dissertation Defense to assess the student's performance during both the Research Exit Seminar and Final Oral Examination. The student must use the information documented here to submit the online [Defense Skills Assessment Submission Form](#) to the departmental graduate program before the Director of Graduate Studies will approve the Thesis (G140) or Dissertation (G164) and Final Oral Examination form submitted to the Graduate School.

Student Name: _____ **Defense Date:** _____

Degree Program: _____ **Years Enrolled in Program:** _____

Voting Advisory Committee Members Present (specify in-person or remote): _____

Committee Assessment of Student's Performance:

Rate the student's performance in each category to assess whether their scientific and professional abilities are commensurate with expectations for their degree program. The evaluations are intended to indicate strengths and areas for improvement, and ratings will be used by the Department of Poultry Science to assess the effectiveness of its graduate program.

	Does Not Meet Expectations (1)	Needs Improvement (2)	Satisfactory (3)	Very Good (4)	Outstanding (5)
General Poultry Science and/or Avian Biology Knowledge					
Expertise in Specific Area of Study					
Oral Communication Skills					
Written Communication Skills					
Contribution to Research Project Development					
Use of Research Methods					
Critical Thinking and Interpretation of Data					
Professional Development					

Major Professor Name

Major Professor Signature

Student Name

Student Signature