



## Research Proposal Evaluation

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your role in this research proposal committee?  Supervisor  Additional Faculty Reader

Please evaluate the research proposal on the basis of the following criteria. For a description of the standards of each criteria for a research proposal, see pgs. 15–17 of the [PhD Manual](#). Your responses should indicate both your appraisal of the proposal and your assessment of what will be necessary to develop the proposal into a dissertation prospectus.

### 1. Research Question and Problem

*Evaluate clarity, accuracy, and appropriateness for the discipline.*

### 2. Thesis or Hypothesis

*Evaluate viability, clarity, articulation, delimitations, etc.*

### 3. Review of Literature

*Evaluate accuracy and comprehensiveness of primary and secondary sources including foreign language literature, etc. How does the review of literature establish a need for their contribution?*

### 4. Methodology

*Evaluate clarity, coherence, comprehensiveness, appropriateness for the study, etc.*



**5. Contribution**

*How will the proposed dissertation topic make an original contribution to the academic guild?*

**6. Bibliography**

*Evaluate whether the bibliography is extensive enough to demonstrate a comprehensive grasp of the literature in the field, etc.*

**7. Quality of Writing**

*Evaluate effectiveness of writing, including issues related to grammar, style, and formatting.*

**8. Preparation for Prospectus**

*In addition to previous answers, what changes will be needed to develop the proposal into a dissertation prospectus?*

Additional comments and/or suggested corrections:

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Signature

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Date



## Research Proposal Approval

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ NOBTS-ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Approval

The prospectus committee is chosen by the faculty supervisor and consists of one or two faculty readers either in the division or who have expertise in an appropriate area of research pertaining to the dissertation topic. Once the student’s research proposal is deemed acceptable to the supervisor and the research proposal committee, these faculty members will submit this Research Proposal Approval Form to the PhD Office via email to phd@nobts.edu.

*Please submit the completed Research Proposal Evaluation Forms from the supervisor and each reader along with this final Prospectus Approval Form once any appropriate corrections have been made. The supervisor needs to ensure that the final prospectus is sufficiently revised according to the evaluations. The research proposal will not be accepted as submitted until this Research Proposal Approval Form and all Research Proposal Evaluation Forms have been submitted to the PhD Office.*

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Faculty Supervisor Signature

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1st Faculty Reader Signature

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2nd Faculty Reader Signature

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3rd Faculty Reader Signature (Optional)

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PhD Director

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Date of Final Approval

**For Registrar’s Office** – Please add the following to the student’s transcript:

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_  
Covered Under Cap? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No