

# Department of Ocean Sciences

## Rubric to guide evaluation of Honours thesis and oral defence

### 1. **THESIS** (weight 60%)

- Introduction Topic is clearly presented; background information explains topic's scope and importance; key concepts and theories are well explained; objectives are clear and questions/assumptions/hypotheses well defined.
- Body Methods are sufficiently detailed and clear; research results and trends are accurately reported; research results and trends are well interpreted; future directions are identified; text is well structured.
- Presentation Figures, tables, and statistics (if necessary) suitably complement text; figures, tables, and statistical summaries are clear and well designed.
- Literature Key publications are cited; citations are current; citations and list of references match and are formatted uniformly.

Score: \_\_\_\_/60

### 2. **ORAL PRESENTATION** (weight 30%)

- Content Clear introduction, explanation of approach, and outline of objectives are presented; content is accurate and suitably detailed; mastery of project is demonstrated; comfort with material presented is shown.
- Organization and Delivery Presentation is clear, logical, organized, and well-paced; tone and body language engages audience; eye contact is maintained.
- Use of Visual Aids Visual aids are appropriate, necessary, effective and well designed; slides are clear and visually appealing; interaction with visual aids is appropriate (e.g. use of pointer, description of contents).

Score: \_\_\_\_/30

### 3. **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS** (weight 10%)

- Content Shows understanding of theories/concepts underlying topic; understands questions and their contexts; acknowledges limits of knowledge.
- Organization and Delivery Answers questions clearly and fully; engages in discussion.

Score: \_\_\_\_/10

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_/100**

A minimum of 60% is required to obtain a grade of Pass.