Master and Doctoral Research Dissertation and Defense Rubric
College of Applied Medical Sciences, Majmaah University

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ATTRIBUTES	Unacceptable (1-3)	Poor (4-5)	Satisfactory (6-7)	Very Good (8-10)	Exceptional (10-12)	TOTAL SCORE
Dissertation Document (48%)						
Originality of the research (12 points max.)	Error(s) in field description and/or lack of important source(s)	Minor mistakes, missing words, and/or inadequate synthesis.	An adequate and accurate explanation of major key sources.	Comprehensive coverage and synthesis of essential sources, with additional relevant information.	Excellent synthesis and in-depth review of the sources, some of which are obscure but still relevant.	/12
Scientific quality of the research chapters (12 points max.)	Discipline and approach are not properly referenced or implemented.	There are links between discipline knowledge and methods, however they are not clearly incorporated.	Demonstrates a strong link between discipline knowledge and effective methodology and research.	The link between disciplinary knowledge and methodology is well explained.	Useful references regarding sources and methods.	/12
Appropriate methodology (12 points max.)	Mistakes in the selection and/or application of methodology.	Small mistakes and/or omissions in the methodology.	Accurate and proper application of methodology.	The methodology was accurately applied, thoroughly stated, and adequately documented.	Expertise in methodology and its implementation, as well as additional skills.	/12
Critical thinking (12 points max.)	Unclear thesis presentation with flawed logic and/or little.	Reasoning that is occasionally unclear, oversimplified, and/or lacking in sufficient explanation.	Sufficient logic, clarification of hypotheses, and supporting data.	Clear logic and well-organized presentation of evidence and assumptions.	Clear and well-organized argument with original complex ideas.	/12

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Dissertation Defense (36%)						
Quality of Presentation (12 points max.)	Presentation is ambiguous, poorly organized, and distracting.	Occasionally confusing and poorly organized presentation.	Presentation structured to clearly communicate the dissertation's essential points.	Professional language, well-organized, and eloquent presentation.	Clear structure and flow, elegant, confident, and engaging presentation.	**/12**
Quality of Responses to Questions (12 points max.)	Unable to answer a number of questions.	Had difficulty with questions.	Able to answer most questions.	Almost all questions addressed in a professional manner.	All questions addressed in a knowledgeable and respectable manner.	**/12**
Breadth of Knowledge (12 points max.)	Does not exhibit any subject knowledge.	Exhibited some knowledge.	Exhibited relevant to the area.	Demonstrate knowledge in subject matter.	Demonstrate in depth knowledge in subject matter and exhibited critical thinking skills.	**/12**
Overall assessment by the supervisor (10 points max - 10%)						**/10**
Manuscript readiness level to be submitted to a journal & Participation in a scientific paper or research poster at a local or international conference. (6 points max – 6%)						**/6**
Overall Assessment						**/100**

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