**Path to A Successful Thesis Defense**

**Second or Third Semester (Spring Semester)**

Oral Thesis Proposal ***Rubric 1***

**Third and all Succeeding Semesters (Except Semester of Graduation)**

Weeks 4-5: Progress Report ***Rubric 2***

**Final Semester**

Day 1 – advisor draft (not rough);

Week 4: committee draft;

Week 6: draft from committee with feedback; **Rubric 3 from committee**

Week 7: (a) Send draft of thesis to entire department (week prior to defense); (b) post title, abstract, time, date and place of thesis defense.

Weeks 8-9: Oral defense to department (Tu/Th 12:00 – 2:00 PM) ***Rubrics 3, 4 & 5 from department***

Week 9: All students with passing scores (no 0’s on Rubrics 3 and 5), are eligible; vote on Best Thesis & Best Student.

Week 11: Final draft of thesis due to Chuck Radke, Division of Graduate Studies

***Other changes:*** No grades on oral defense; award best thesis on basis if 60% Written Thesis + 40% Oral Defense; each row is weighted equally with exceptional = 2; standard = 1; not passing = 0.