

MA Thesis Proposal Evaluation Form

Graduate Theological Union

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Reviewers include the Thesis Coordinator, Member School Dean or Center Director and the GTU Dean. Once completed, submit this form to the GTU Assistant Dean via intercampus mail or email (warce@gtu.edu).

Student: _____ **Reviewer:** _____

Date: _____

This student's thesis proposal:

	Unacceptable	Below expectations	Meets expectations	Exceeds expectations
Clearly states its thesis in one or two sentences that indicate what the dissertation will demonstrate or accomplish.				
Delineates a coherent scope and appropriate boundaries for a well-defined project in a specified field.				
Locates its project in appropriate scholarly literature.				
Demonstrates intellectually and methodologically rigorous scholarship within appropriate theoretical frameworks.				
Supports the stated purposes of the project with a sound research method.				
Analyzes its material critically.				
Uses language that demonstrates command of the discipline, but is sufficiently jargon-free to be accessible to a broad range of scholars in theology and religious studies.				
Engages bibliography and issues which open the project to perspectives beyond the author's religious and scholarly tradition.				
Employs successfully the linguistic skills appropriate to the project, with at least three bibliography entries in languages other than English.				
Clearly states its significance by clarifying the dissertation's distinctive contribution within the discipline and possibly other communities (religious, local, political, national, etc.), and the student's role as author.				