

Biological Sciences Department

Rubric for Assessing MS Biology Program (Non - Thesis)

Name of MS Candidate: Aleksandra Smigelski
Name of Evaluator: KANDY BROOKS
Field of Study: Ecology / Evolution
Signature and Date: [Signature] 8/3/11

	Description of Item Assessed	*Score 1-5 (where 5 is best)
	Current Knowledge on Key concepts	5
	Data interpretation and analysis	4
	Communication skill (written and oral)	4
	TOTAL	13

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c) Assessment Plan

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Name of Evaluator: Evelyn Frazier

Field of Study: Evolution

Signature and Date: Evelyn Frazier 07-12-2011

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Approve the candidate

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Name of MS Candidate: _____ Aleksandra Smigelski _____

Name of Evaluator: _____ Dr. Sarah Milton _____

Field of Study: _____ Environmental Physiology

Signature and Date: _____ Sarah C. Milton _____

	Description of Item Assessed	*Score 1-5 (where 5 is best)
	Current Knowledge on Key concepts	4
	Data interpretation and analysis	3
	Communication skill (written and oral)	3
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