

**MASTER APPLIED LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION IN MULTILINGUAL SETTINGS. MA THESIS RUBRIC.**

| <b>EVALUATION CRITERIA</b>                    | <b>A, Excel-lent (9-10)</b>  | <b>B, Notable (7-8)</b>  | <b>C, Aprovat (5-6)</b>  | <b>F, Suspens (0-4)</b>   | <b>Mark</b> |
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| <b>Formal quality of the thesis (10%)</b>     | Thesis structure is totally adequate in terms of clarity, precision and order                    | Thesis structure is adequate in terms of clarity and order                                       | Thesis structure and writing are acceptable  | Inadequate thesis structure   |             |
|   | Writing carefully follows grammatical rules  | Writing follows grammatical rules  | Acceptable writing   | Poor writing and with spelling mistakes   |             |
|   | Excellent use of graphics  | Good use of graphics   | Graphics are not always used in an appropriate way                                   | Inadequate use of graphics  |             |
|   | Very adequate, updated and well-cited bibliography   | Adequate, updated and well-cited bibliography  | Acceptable bibliography  | References and bibliography are non-updated, inadequate and not well-cited  |             |
| <b>Scientific quality of the thesis (70%)</b> | The study represents a clear and well-framed contribution in relation to previous research       | The study represents an acceptable and well-framed contribution in relation to previous research | The study represents a poor contribution in relation to previous research            | The study does not make a contribution to previous research   |             |
|   | Flawless use and processing of information sources   | Good use and processing of information sources   | Acceptable use and processing of information sources                                 | Inadequate and erroneous use and processing of information sources  |             |
|   | Methodology is very adequate to the topic and research questions                                 | Good adequacy between topic and research methods   | Good connection between topic and adopted methodology, although it could be improved | Scarce adequacy between the investigated topic and the adopted methodology  |             |
|   | Aims and research questions are carefully and explicitly defined                                 | Aims and research questions are well defined   | Aims and research questions are not always clearly defined                           | Aims and research questions are not clearly defined and it is unclear how research questions are answered with the data collected for the study |             |
|   | Excellent analysis and perfectly adjusted to the research questions                              | Good analysis capacity   | Adequate analysis capacity although not very clear and/or well-justified             | Poor analysis capacity  |             |
|   | Excellent interpretation of results and perfect coherence between research and conclusions drawn | Reasonable and justified interpretation of results in relation to research questions             | The interpretation of results is not always complete and coherent                    | Results are not interpreted in an adequate way  |             |
|   | Excellent use of critical thinking in the literature review, analysis and discussion             | Good use of critical thinking in the literature review, analysis and discussion                  | Poor critical thinking   | No critical thinking shown  |             |

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| <b>Oral defense (20%)</b> | Excellent communicative, informational and debate-handling abilities | Good communicative, informational and debate-handling abilities | Acceptable communicative, informational and debate-handling abilities | Poor communicative, informational and debate-handling abilities |  |
|                           | Excellent ability to answer the questions asked by the committee     | Good ability to answer the questions asked by the committee     | Adequate ability to answer the questions asked by the committee       | Inability to answer the questions asked by the committee        |  |
|                           | The candidate perfectly sticks to the time schedule                  | The candidate sticks to the time schedule quite well            | The candidate moderately sticks to the time schedule                  | The candidate shows difficulty in sticking to the time schedule |  |
| <b>TOTAL (100%)</b>       |  |   |   |   |  |