

SEPP Thesis Proposal Evaluation Guidelines (For Students)

The thesis committee will rate the thesis proposal using the following criteria (73% = 47.5 pts as the passing score).

Criteria	Description
Statement of the Problem and Objectives (5 points)	The proposal provides the context of the research, the statement of the problem, and a clear description of the objectives and main deliverable(s). The purpose is also an indicator of the scope and practicality of the thesis project.
Theoretical Framework and Literature Review (10 points)	The proposal provides a clear overview of literature stating the current evidence ('state-of-the-art') with respect to relevant theories and concepts. This section should conclude with research question(s) and/or hypotheses informed by the theoretical framework and literature review.
Practical Contributions (5 points)	The thesis project articulates practical contributions to the field of sport, exercise, and performance psychology. The proposal addresses task domains and knowledge groups it applies to according to the AASP CMPC Handbook (completed checklist in appendix).
Methodology (15 points)	Research methodology is selected that fits the defined theoretical framework and addresses the research question(s). Moreover, the research method(s) is valid, reliable, practical, and ethical.
Data Analysis Plan (10 points)	Proposed data analysis should address the research questions, hypotheses (if applicable), and the methodology adequately. The most appropriate data analysis plan (i.e., statistical analyses for a quantitative proposal; sound analyses for a qualitative proposal) is demonstrated with rigor.
Writing Style (5 points)	The proposal follows scientific writing, APA reference style, and the UWGB Graduate Studies' Master of Science Thesis Style and Formatting Requirements.
Presentation (10 points)	The presentation is clear and concise (about 20 minutes). Addresses all major components of the proposal. Student demonstrates mastery of the research idea and design without reading off a script or slides.
Response to Committee Questions (5 points)	Student shows the ability to understand committee members' questions and respond with respect and proper answers. Student demonstrates preparation even if they cannot address the questions completely.
Total Score (65)	