

**Graduate Learner Outcomes  
Thesis Rubric**

School: University of Kansas, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Department: Communication Studies

**Components of a Dissertation and their Characteristics at Different Quality Levels**

Components	Outcome Quality Levels			
	Outstanding - 4	Very Good - 3	Acceptable - 2	Unacceptable - 1
Introduction/ Statement of the Problem				
Grounding in the Literature				
Methodology/ Approach				
Results/ Analysis				
Discussion/ Conclusion				
Overall				

\*Adapted from Barbara Lovitts' *Making the Implicit Explicit: Creating Performance Expectations for the Dissertation*, 2007.