# **GRADE PROPOSAL FOR A DOCTORAL THESIS FACULTY OF ARTS UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI**

**Instructions:** The members of the grading committee who are entitled to vote must complete and sign this form at a meeting after the public examination. If the thesis supervisors have been invited to the meeting to be consulted, they must leave the meeting before the grade is decided and the statement form is completed. If the custos served as a supervisor, he or she must also leave, as the custos is a member of the grading committee who is entitled to vote only if he or she has not served as a supervisor.  
  
As a rule, doctoral theses are graded as *pass*. In exceptional cases, when a doctoral thesis is **exceptionally praiseworthy and ambitious in the light of all of the assessment criteria**, the grade may be *pass with distinction*. If the grade pass with distinction is proposed, the grading committee will review the criteria and their descriptions at a meeting and, based on the discussion, the first Faculty representative will write a short justification for the proposal.

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| Name of the doctoral candidate |  |
| Title of the doctoral thesis |  |
| Time and place of the public examination |  |
| Language of the examination |  |

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| **AREAS OF ASSESMENT** | pass | pass with distinction |
| Choice of topic, research problem, refining of research task and research questions |  |  |
| Acknowledgment of previous research |  |  |
| Conceptual clarity, definitions and theoretical knowledge |  |  |
| Used methods |  |  |
| Materials |  |  |
| Presenting results and conclusions |  |  |
| Format (structure, linguistic form) |  |  |
| Critical attitude |  |  |

## **GRADE PROPOSAL**

Short description of the public examination:

After considering the merits of the thesis and its academic and scientific significance in the light of the Faculty’s assessment criteria, we unanimously propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Arts that the doctoral thesis of MA be approved with the following grade:

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| Pass |  |
| Pass with distinction |  |

## **SIGNATURES**

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*(name in block letters)*Opponent

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      *(name in block letters)*  
First Faculty representative, secretary of the grading committee

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*(name in block letters)*  
Custos / second Faculty representative