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Note: If Dissertation proposal is in non-traditional format (e.g., 3 papers at various stages of research), please indicate format and adapt comments accordingly:

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*Scoring: Pass/Fail*

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| Criteria | Comments |
| 1. Designing and conducting a **major research project** relevant to the field.
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| 1. Includes a **literature review** that is grounded in key theories in relation to research questions.
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| 1. Statement of the Problem:
* Statement of the problem is clear.
* Demonstrates the significance of the problem that is addressed and the innovation of the study.
* Demonstrates a deep and broad knowledge of the literature in their area of research.
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| 1. Research Questions and Methods:
* Research questions/aims are clearly stated and directly address the stated program.
* Methods are appropriate for addressing the research questions.
* For quantitative studies, students will identify clear independent variables and quantifiable dependent variables.
* For quantitative studies, hypotheses for research questions are appropriate.
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| 1. Analysis:
* Analyses (statistical/other) will be appropriate for addressing the research questions and appropriate for the design.

*Comments: Potential confounds, Recommended further analyses?** Discusses potential implications for the field.
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| 1. Oral Communication:
* Oral discussion of ideas show promise for being clear, well-organized, and professional and communicated well to a scholarly audience.
* Responds appropriately to questions and challenges.
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| 1. Written Communication:
* Written discussion of ideas shows promise for being clear, well-organized, and professional and communicated well to a scholarly audience (i.e., with the quality of a peer-reviewed publication in the field).
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| 1. Independence:
* Shows promise for the capacity to carry out independent research.
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|  Acceptable – subject to minor revisions |  Acceptable – subject to major revisions |  Not Acceptable |

Other Comments:

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