

MFA CANDIDACY REVIEW RUBRIC

	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Satisfactory (3)	Weak (2)	Poor (1)
	Studio work which illustrates:	Studio work which illustrates:	Studio work which illustrates:	Studio work which illustrates:	Studio work which illustrates:
Visual Communication	Exceptional visual communication which represents an introduction to a strong thesis direction. Extremely strong technical skill with materials and tools.	Above average visual communication which represents an introduction to a strong thesis direction. Strong technical skill with materials and tools.	Satisfactory visual communication which represents an introduction to a thesis direction. Some technical skill with materials and tools.	Below average visual communication which represents an introduction to a weak thesis direction. Weak technical skill with materials and tools.	Little or no visual communication which represents an introduction to a poor thesis direction. Little or no technical skill with materials and tools.
Critical Development	Exceptional evidence of critical thinking, exploration of concept, risk taking and innovation. Excellent evidence of a sustained line of inquiry with resulting work that demonstrates research, experimentation and problem solving.	Above average evidence of critical thinking, development of concepts, risk taking and innovation. Above average evidence of a sustained line of inquiry with resulting work that demonstrates research, experimentation and problem solving.	Satisfactory evidence of critical thinking, development of concepts, risk taking and innovation. Satisfactory evidence of a sustained line of inquiry with resulting work that demonstrates research, experimentation and problem solving.	Below average evidence of critical thinking, development of concepts, risk taking and innovation. Weak evidence of a sustained line of inquiry with resulting work that demonstrates research, experimentation and problem solving.	Little or no evidence of critical thinking, development of concepts, risk taking and innovation. Poor evidence of a sustained line of inquiry with resulting work that demonstrates research, experimentation and problem solving.
Interdisciplinary	Exceptional evidence that information from multiple areas is being synthesized within the work that majorly contributes to the discipline.	Above average evidence that information from multiple areas is being synthesized within the work that contributes to the discipline.	Satisfactory evidence that information from multiple areas is being synthesized within the work.	Below average evidence that information from multiple areas is being synthesized within the work.	Little or no evidence that information from multiple areas is being synthesized.
Content/Context Written/Verbal Communication	Understanding and contextualization of discipline illustrated through exceptional written and verbal communication.	Understanding and contextualization of discipline illustrated through above average written and verbal communication.	Some understanding and contextualization of discipline illustrated through satisfactory written and verbal communication.	Weak understanding and contextualization of discipline illustrated through below average written and verbal communication.	Little or no understanding and contextualization of discipline illustrated through poor written and verbal communication.