Department of Geology
Master’s Thesis Research Proposal Defense Form

Name:          Date: 
Phone Number: 

Title of Master’s Thesis: 

Research Proposal: Attach a one to two page research proposal. This proposal should include
the significance of your project (a brief background discussion of the topic), goals (an indication
of what you want to achieve), objectives (specific, tangible products and deliverables that the
project will deliver – this includes methods and the types of data that will be collected), and the
ways in which your data will be analyzed. Include pertinent references.

Curriculum: List all of the 4000 and 5000 level courses that you have taken or will take during
your Master’s program.

Oral Presentation: The Master’s candidate will conduct a short oral presentation outlining the
research project and will answer any questions that the committee may have about the
research.

Proposal Defense Approval: Signatures of committee members indicate that the candidate has
successfully proposed the research project.

Committee Chairperson ________________________________
Geology Department Reader _____________________________
Outside Reader ________________________________