



Ph.D. in Earth Systems and Geoinformation Sciences (ESGS)

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Criteria	Excellent	Satisfactory	Fair
Student demonstrates the capability to conduct high quality of research (Quality)	demonstrates excellent capability to conduct high quality of research	demonstrates satisfactory capability to conduct high quality of research	demonstrates fair capability to conduct good quality of research
Student demonstrates capability for literature critiquing and integration (Literature)	demonstrates excellent capability to evaluate, critique and integrate literature	demonstrates satisfactory capability to evaluate, critique and integrate literature	demonstrates fair capability to evaluate, critique and integrate literature
Student's written dissertation is clear, organized and of professional quality (Written Research Communication)	demonstrates excellent capability to write logically connected dissertation at professional level	demonstrates satisfactory capability to write logically connected dissertation at professional level	demonstrates fair capability to write logically connected dissertation at professional level
Student demonstrates capability for research communication during oral dissertation defense (Oral Research Communication)	Demonstrates excellent capability to present the dissertation research and addresses the questions and challenges.	Demonstrates satisfactory capability to present the dissertation research and addresses the questions and challenges.	Demonstrates fair capability to present the dissertation research and addresses the questions and challenges.