

## BS/MS Rubric for final BS/MS Scholarly Paper or Technical Report

The student's academic advisor and another faculty member solicited by the advisor (tenure track or research faculty) should each complete one of these forms for the student in question following review of the scholarly paper or technical report. Student must pass each criterion from both reviewers to pass the benchmarks and graduate. Option to appeal to Graduate Director if student does not pass. First draft of the scholarly paper or technical report due to advisor by April 1<sup>st</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup> of graduating semester. Final draft of scholarly paper or technical report due to advisor and second reader by April 15<sup>th</sup> or November 15<sup>th</sup> of graduating semester.

Semester:	Check one for each listed criterion	
	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
<b>Criteria for written components:</b>		
1. Statement of problem is clear and well-conceptualized.		
2. Relevance of problem within the context of previous geographic research is presented.		
3. Conclusions are well-justified.		
4. Methodology is well-selected and well-executed.		
5. The final product is appropriate and thorough. For product (database, visualization, code, etc.) with technical report, product itself must be operational.		
6. There is appropriate use of primary and/or secondary sources.		
7. The paper/technical report is well-written.		
8. The paper/technical report is in a form suitable for professional standards (i.e. the style, structure, bibliography, figures, etc. conform to formats commonly seen in journals of geographic research).		

Comments (optional):

Advisor name/signature

Graduate director name/signature

Student name/signature