

## MA CULMINATING PROJECT PORTFOLIO RUBRIC

MA Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** a portfolio may not pass with a) a score of 1 in any single category, b) a score of less than 16 for the introductory essay, c) a score of less than 64 for the revised seminar essay, or d) a total score of less than 80.

	0	3	4	5		Row Subtotal
<b>Introductory Essay (20% of portfolio score)</b>						
Introductory Essay: Mechanics, proofreading, and discipline-appropriate style are in good order					x1	
Introductory Essay: The essay addresses the student's development over the course of the program and places the revised seminar essay into the context of that development					X1	
Introductory Essay: The essay describes the choice of journal to be targeted					x1	
Introductory Essay: The essay describes the process of revision in terms of the challenges that were faced and the strategies that were employed for meeting those challenges					X1	
<b>INTRODUCTORY ESSAY SUBTOTAL (out of 20 possible points)</b>						
<b>Must score 16 or better to pass this portion of the portfolio</b>						

<b>Revised Seminar Essay (80% of portfolio score)</b>						
Revised Seminar Essay: Mechanics, proofreading, and discipline-appropriate style are in good order					x1	
Revised Seminar Essay: The essay has a clear and appropriate thesis and places this thesis in the context of its field					X3	
Revised Seminar Essay: The essay maintains focus upon its thesis and offers discussion and analysis of appropriate examples to support the thesis					X3	
Revised Seminar Essay: The essay's organization is logical and comprehensible to any academic audience. The essay consistently deploys useful transitions and patterns of reference for a compelling progression from start to finish					X3	
Revised Seminar Essay: The essay cites a selection of sources that is appropriate in both size and scope					X2	
Revised Seminar Essay: The essay engages its sources appropriately, responding to them and engaging the ongoing scholarly conversation rather than merely repeating their points and appropriately groups and frames arguments of other scholars					X4	
<b>Must score 64 or better to pass this portion of the portfolio</b>						
<b>REVISED SEMINAR ESSAY SUBTOTALS (out of 80 possible points)</b>						
<b>TOTAL PORTFOLIO POINTS (out of 100 possible total): 80 required to pass; 95 or more required to pass "With Distinction"</b>						

KEY: 0 = Missing or Egregious (D or F)    3 = Unacceptable (C)    4 = Good (B)    5 = Excellent (A)