

M.A. PAPER ASSESSMENT FORM

To be completed by primary reader evaluating student's M.A. paper
Please return one copy to student and one copy to John Shea, along with department's
M.A. paper cover sheet and copy of paper

Assessment Criteria:	High Pass	Low Pass	Fail
Quality of Execution:			
Does the paper pose a clear, well-defined question?			
Does paper display understanding of existing literature?			
Is the paper well-written?			
For papers proposing a theory component:			
Is the proposed model appropriate to the topic?			
Would the model be novel to the literature?			
Is solution of the model feasible?			
Has progress been made towards solving the model?			
For papers with an empirical component:			
Is the proposed research design sound?			
Are the proposed econometric tools appropriate?			
Does author display thorough understanding of the data?			
Are the results well presented?			
Potential Contribution:			
Does the paper address an interesting question?			
Does the paper display a high degree of originality?			
Could this be developed into a good third year paper?			
Could this be developed into a chapter of a thesis?			
Process:			
Did the student meet deadlines promptly?			
Did student consult with faculty when writing paper?			
Did the student address faculty comments?			
Overall Assessment of MA Paper:			
STUDENT NAME (print or type):			
FACULTY NAME (print or type):			
NAME OF PAPER:			
FACULTY SIGNATURE:			
DATE:			