UNM Biology Honors Program

Honors Thesis Review Form

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Thank you for reviewing this thesis for the Honors program and submitting your review (including your recommendation of the appropriate level of Honors) **four weeks prior to the last day of the semester**.

The purpose of this review is to suggest: *unsatisfactory;* *cum laude, magna cum laude; or summa cum laude* to the honor student’s thesis work. This designation is assigned only to the student’s work in Biology honors and is separate from any level of Honors from the Honors College or UNM baccalaureate honors.

For the primary thesis advisor: please provide the following information:

The student has personally completed essentially all of the work reported in this thesis.

The student has personally completed the vast majority of the work reported in this thesis, but some minor components of the thesis that were conducted by collaborators, rather than by the student, include:

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Please report the thesis quality using the criteria below.

1. Please score each 1-10, with 10 being the highest.
   1. \_\_\_ Significance of the questions; is this compelling work?
   2. \_\_\_ Evidence that the student has mastered the scientific context
   3. \_\_\_ Validity and appropriateness of the methods
   4. \_\_\_ Richness of content and results
   5. \_\_\_ Validity of statistical inferences or models
   6. \_\_\_ Accuracy of interpretation and insight resulting from the work
   7. \_\_\_ Potential impact on the field
2. Statement justifying your recommendation for level of Honors. (Attach a page or write on the back of this page if necessary.)

4. In your estimation, is this thesis likely to be submitted for publication within the next six

months? If so, the level of summa cum laude is reasonable. Please justify if

recommending *summa cum laude* for this work.

5. Recommended level of honors based on the thesis (please circle one).

*unsatisfactory cum laude magna cum laude summa cum laude*