**Thesis/Internship Defense Model**

This is an example model. While it is up to each chair to decide how they wish to proceed with the thesis/internship defense, we encourage all chairs to consider the following:

**Defense Format Recommendations**

* Brief introductions
* Student presents for about 15 to 20-minutes (details below).
* Community members will have approximately 15 minutes to ask questions.
* Committee members will take turns asking you questions. (60 minutes)
* Student and other non-committee attendees will be asked to leave the room while the committee decides about the status of the thesis defense and discusses any further thesis revisions required. (5-20 minutes)
* Student and others return to the room. Committee shares official decision, discusses with student final revisions, and signs forms (Chair should bring these).

**Presentation Recommendations**

Student should plan on speaking for about 15-20 minutes to give an overview of thesis/internship project. Questions to address in presentation:

* What is the motivation that led you to this research?
* What was your research question?
* What were your methods and key findings? Were there any surprises?
* What literature and theories did you draw on?
* What is the significance of your research?

Encourage students to consider using a PowerPoint to offer clear visuals and highlight key points.