

# UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## PhD Program

### Yearly Self-Assessment

Name:

Field:

Year in the program:

*This survey asks you to assess your current degree of proficiency with regard to each of the competencies expected of graduates of the Union PhD program. Since you are not yet graduates, and since several competencies are the result of the whole program and/or particular phases of it, your response should be scaled in the following manner beginning with “not applicable:”*

*5 = very high degree of ability, skill, or development (mastery level proficiency; demonstrates exemplary excellence in this competency)*

*4 = high degree of ability, skill, or development (advanced level; demonstrates more than basic proficiency but less than exemplary excellence in this competency)*

*3 = moderate degree of ability, skill, or development (intermediate level; demonstrates basic proficiency in this competency, but requires more knowledge, skills, training, or experience)*

*2 = minimal degree of ability, skill, or development (beginning level; demonstrates a need to improve knowledge, skills, training, or experience in order to achieve basic proficiency in this competency)*

*1 = not applicable (has not yet had the learning opportunities sufficient to develop this competency).*

*You may briefly explain, qualify, or comment upon each answer in the space provided. Please identify any document in your ePortfolio, or any course evaluation, that evidences your competency with regard to the learning outcome being assessed.*

*After completing this assessment, please email it as an attachment to the PhD Administrative Assistant ([phd@utsnyc.edu](mailto:phd@utsnyc.edu)) who will insert it into your ePortfolio. Once there, it will be available to your adviser who will review it at your end-of-the-academic-year meeting. Your adviser will do his or her own review of your ePortfolio and submit his assessment and send it to the academic office ([phd@utsnyc.edu](mailto:phd@utsnyc.edu)) where it will be downloaded into your ePortfolio. The PhD ePortfolio holds each student's Statement of Intent in applying to the program and transcript at Union to date. During the months of April/May of the academic year each student, up to the time that he or she has had the prospectus for his or her thesis approved, is expected to add to the ePortfolio the following documents:*

- 1. This yearly Self-Assessment form.*
- 2. One academic paper completed during the past academic year.*
- 3. A report on languages if they have not been completed and noted on your transcript.*

***The Self-Assessment must be turned in by the last day of May. A student will not be able to move forward in his or her program after that date until the form has been submitted.***

## 1. Advanced knowledge of the major area of study.

	Not applicable	Minimal Degree	Moderate Degree	High Degree	Very High Degree
Current Degree of Proficiency:					

**Comment/Evidence:** *[Consider the transcripts of the student and the evaluations of courses.]*

## 2. Capacity to do original research and writing that is appropriate to the field.

	Not applicable	Minimal Degree	Moderate Degree	High Degree	Very High Degree
Current Degree of Proficiency:					

**Comment/Evidence:** *[Consider the papers in the student's ePortfolio and the comments of the professor.]*

## 3. Ability to teach effectively at the graduate and undergraduate level

	Not applicable	Minimal Degree	Moderate Degree	High Degree	Very High Degree
Current Degree of Proficiency:					

**Comment/Evidence:** *[If applicable, consider the reports of the teaching mentor in the ePortfolio.]*

#### 4. Ability to engage critically in interdisciplinary discourse.

	Not applicable	Minimal Degree	Moderate Degree	High Degree	Very High Degree
Current Degree of Proficiency:					

**Comment/Evidence:** *[Consider the grade and evaluation of the Doctoral Seminar.]*

#### 5. Advanced knowledge of contents and methods in the minor field.

	Not applicable	Minimal Degree	Moderate Degree	High Degree	Very High Degree
Current Degree of Proficiency:					

**Comment/Evidence:** *[Consider course evaluations.]*