

Graduate Thesis Assessment Rubric (Methodology, Linguistics)
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Title: THE QUEER COMMUNITY AND THE LANGUAGE

Length: 57

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<i>Assessment Criteria</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1. Introduction is well written, brief, interesting, and compelling; It motivates the work and provides a clear statement of the examined issue. It presents and overview of the thesis.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	See "Final Comments and Questions"
2. The thesis shows the author's appropriate knowledge of the subject matter through the background/review of literature. The author presents information from a variety of quality electronic and print sources. Sources are relevant, balanced and include critical readings relating to the thesis or problem. Primary sources are included (if appropriate).	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	See "Final Comments and Questions"
3. The author carefully analysed the information collected and drew appropriate and inventive conclusions supported by evidence. Ideas are richly supported with accurate details that develop the main point. The author's voice is evident.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	See "Final Comments and Questions"
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	See "Final Comments and Questions"
5. Conclusion effectively restates the argument. It summarizes the main findings and follows logically from the analysis presented.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	See "Final Comments and Questions"
6. The text is organized in a logical manner. It flows naturally and is easy to follow. Transitions, summaries and conclusions exist as	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient	See "Final Comments and Questions"

appropriate. The author uses standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	Very deficient	
7. The language use is precise. The student makes proficient use of language in a way that is appropriate for the discipline and/or genre in which the student is writing.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	See "Final Comments and Questions"
8. The thesis meets the general requirements (formatting, chapters, length, division into sections, etc.). References are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	See "Final Comments and Questions"

Final Comments & Questions

The choice of the topic shows the author's modern attitude to the study of language. By his work, he brings a vast amount of interesting information, which has been so needed in the contemporary society. Many people have certain prejudices towards the queer community, especially because they know so little about it.

The author successfully presents the reality of this phenomenon from its historical roots up to the present state, including symbols which represent the community. The biggest contribution to the general knowledge regarding the queer community can be seen in a detailed description and clarification of a large number of linguistic terms in various areas of use: gender vs. sex, transgender, non-binary gender, use of pronouns, appearance, drag show, sexual orientation and offensive vocabulary.

Through an online questionnaire, including the description of the 200 respondents' data (e.g. age, education, nationality, their proximity to the queer community), he is able to draw relevant conclusions, which show that the majority of the questions regarding queer-specific terms were answered correctly by most of the respondents, which is presumably given due to the fact that almost all of participants were either a part of the LGBTQ+ community or at least knew someone who was. Also, the fact that mostly young people participated might have decisively influenced the results. Nevertheless, the thesis is really helpful and may address all age categories of readers.

Linguistically and stylistically the work is excellent, it is correct in the use of language, and it has a clear structure, which makes it accessible even to people with lower knowledge of this issue.

The suggested evaluation: "excellent" (výborně)

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