

## Application for English 6996: The Master's Project

This application is due four weeks prior to the start of the semester in which the student plants to complete the project.

**Student's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of project:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Supervising professor's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Semester in which project will be undertaken:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Prospectus

Attach a formal prospectus of 2-5 pages which summarizes your project. A typical prospectus will include the following information:

- A brief review of scholarship surrounding the topic
- An indication of what novel or original idea you hope the project will convey
- A thesis statement articulating the proposed argument or a well-developed, open and answerable question that will be asked
- An explanation of the rationale for your topic; in other words, why you deem this project worth pursuing and how it will contribute to existing scholarship
- Your research and writing plan for the semester, including a clear indication of what final project will result (e.g. a 20-page paper)
- A working bibliography of primary and secondary sources you plan to include

**Professor's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### GRADUATE COMMITTEE ACTION

**Comments:**

**Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_