

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

### Application for English 690: The Master's Project

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professor who will supervise project:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

For students undertaking the Master's Project during the Winter or Summer semester, this application is due 4 weeks prior to the start of the semester; for Fall semester, it is due 6 weeks prior.

#### Prospectus

Attach a formal prospectus of 2-5 pages which summarizes your proposed 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 your project will convey
- A thesis statement articulating the proposed argument or well-developed, open and answerable question that will be asked
- An explanation of the rationale for your topic; that is, an explanation of 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., 20-page paper)
- A working bibliography of primary and critical material you expect to include

**Professor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### GRADUATE COMMITTEE ACTION

**Comments:**

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

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