



DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

ENGLISH 4999E: THESIS

RESTRICTED TO STUDENTS IN FOURTH YEAR OF AN HONORS ENGLISH PROGRAM.

English 4999E is individual instruction in the selection of a topic, the preparation of materials, and the writing of a thesis. Students who wish to take this course must apply to the Chair of the Department of Modern Languages. This course is restricted to students in fourth year of an Honors English Program. **Permission is normally granted only to fourth-year students having at least an "A" average.** Additional registration in 4000-level English courses requires permission of the Department.

It is the responsibility of students who wish to take English 4999E to decide on an area in which they wish to work, to find a professor who is willing to undertake the supervision of the thesis, and then to obtain Special Permission from the Chair of the Department of Modern Languages to register for the course. The thesis supervisor should inform the Chair in writing of his or her consent to supervise the thesis and of the subject agreed upon. English 4999E is equivalent in weight and value to other honors courses. It will require approximately 25 hours of consultation during the year. The thesis should be not more than 12,500 words and a substantial bibliography should be appended. Within the first month, a reading list will be established that will eventually become part of the bibliography for the thesis. Students should submit a short proposal with the preliminary reading list by the end of October.

The student will produce a first draft of the thesis on a mutually satisfactory date but no later than the first week of March. It may be revised or re-drafted on the advice of the supervisor. The final draft must be submitted **no later than the last day of classes**. However, the supervisor may request the final draft at an **earlier time before the last day of classes**.

The supervising professor will be responsible for finding a second reader. [One of the readers (either the supervisor or the second reader) must be a full-time member of the department.] **Together they will assign a grade that will be given to the Chair of the Department of Modern Languages within one week after the end of classes.**

An undergraduate thesis need not make an original contribution to knowledge on the subject (though it may do so), but it is expected to be a coherent, literate, intensive analysis of a challenging literary topic or problem. There is no regular timetable for English 4999E. However, students must keep in contact with the supervisor during the year, updating the supervisor as to the progress of the project. The supervisor may request formal written progress reports throughout the thesis project or may wish to meet periodically with the student. **It is the student's responsibility to keep in contact with the supervisor.**

As for any other course, a grade of INC (Incomplete) must be approved by the Dean's Office, for a specific reason supported by documentation.

Department of Modern Languages: ENGLISH 4999E: Thesis Course for School Year: _____

AGREEMENT/CONSENT OF SUPERVISION

Student Name: _____

Student Number & E-mail: _____

Topic: _____ Thesis

Supervisor Name: _____

Thesis Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chair of Modern Languages Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Please provide two copies of this form, signed and dated by the Thesis Supervisor and student **by June 1** for following school year. Please return signed forms to the Academic Dean's Office, DL 104, King's, to the attention of Ms. Lois Mansfield. When signed by the Chair, one copy will be returned to the supervising faculty, and one copy will be returned to the student.*