Students majoring in English and Literary Arts should return this form, with necessary signatures, to the Director of Undergraduate Studies in English, Sturm Hall.

A confirmation of approval will be sent to students, and their faculty advisors, before the end of Spring quarter, with thesis work to commence the following Autumn.

**Eligibility:** Students with a 3.5 GPA or above in the English major are eligible for Departmental Distinction.

**Course Requirements:** Contemporaneous to the production of the thesis project, students will also complete 14 credit hours of additional English course work. This shall include, 1). (for critical and creative thesis students) ENGL 3800: Bibliography & Research (offered in the Autumn quarter), or (open to creative thesis students only) 3852 Topics in Poetics (typically offered in the Winter quarter); 2). a 2-credit Independent Research/Study [Distinction Colloquium] in Winter quarter; 3). One additional 3000-level course with the Literary Theory attribute; 4). (for critical thesis students) One additional 3000-level course, or (for creative thesis students) One additional 3000-level Creative Writing course. A grade of B+ of higher must be earned in these additional courses to be awarded distinction.

**Thesis Requirements:** During their fourth year students seeking distinction in English will complete an analytic research thesis of 40-50 pages in length, or, a fiction and/or poetry project of a length to be determined by the student and their faculty thesis director. All theses should also include a critical introduction, the nature and length of which to be determined in consultation with one's thesis director. A complete draft of the honors thesis project will be due at the end of week one of the Spring quarter. The faculty thesis advisor and a second reader chosen from the English faculty will then review the thesis for approval in week six of the Spring quarter and issue a written report with any recommendations they may have. After reviewing this report in consultation with one's honors thesis director the student shall submit a final bound copy of the thesis, with all required revisions and/or corrections, to the Director of Undergraduate Studies in English by the end of week nine of the Spring Quarter of the student’s senior (or final) year.

**Summary of Thesis:** Please also attach to this form a typed, one-page précis providing a general outline and summary of the proposed honors thesis project. For critical works this should include a working thesis statement, with identification of the text(s) to be examined, while students proposing creative projects should include an introduction to their planned work, including the genre in which the thesis will be composed. Proposals will be reviewed by the Director of Undergraduate Studies in English and notification of decisions sent to students by the end of Spring quarter.

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Student’s Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _____________

Advisor’s Printed Name: __________________________________________

Advisor’s Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: _____________

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For Director of Undergraduate Studies Use Only:

Date Received: ______________________

Action Taken: Approved [ ] Denied [ ] By: ______________________ Date: _____________

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