

**Department of English**

**PROPOSAL FOR GRADUATE DIRECTED READING COURSE**

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Term:** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please see the reverse of this application sheet for details on Department policy and practice regarding the approval of Directed Reading Courses. Students should note that, if granted, approval for a particular directed reading course applies only to the academic year for which approval was granted. That is, courses cannot be "held over" from one academic year to another; a new application must be made.

Name of student:

Name of instructor:

Title of course:

Brief description with tentative reading list:

Reason for needing this course in preference to those already offered:

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Directed Reading Courses Department Policy and Practice**

The Department's policy regarding graduate directed reading courses is as follows: (i) each student can take *no more than* 1 HCE per program; (ii) directed reading courses must not conflict with formal graduate seminars being given in the same year; (iii) approval will be given by the Graduate Chair in consultation with the Graduate Committee and in consideration of the student's program and record. (See *Department Practices* 45.4.)

Because the Graduate Committee believes that the possibilities for exchange and discussion in a graduate seminar are important to a student's intellectual development, approval for a directed reading course is neither automatic nor normal. Usually the Committee does not approve courses which fall directly into a student's dissertation or thesis area, believing that this is work the student should be doing in addition to the course requirements. The Committee also takes a particularly close look at requests for full-year directed reading courses for which an especially strong rationale must be offered.

Forms are due on August 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall courses and November 15<sup>th</sup> for Winter courses.