Master’s Essay/Exam Proposal

All Master’s students in English select as their capstone project either a Master’s Essay or a Comprehensive Examination.

- If you choose to write a Master’s Essay to complete your Master’s degree, you must complete this proposal form and submit it, signed by your advisor, to the graduate coordinator by April 15 (or make other official arrangements with the MA Advisor).
- If you are choosing to complete your degree by taking the Master’s Comprehensive Exam, indicate that option below and also indicate the four fields in which you wish you be examined (ie: Victorian, 19th C American, etc.) to the graduate coordinator by April 15; the MA advisor will then work with you to establish four faculty examiners to write questions and read/grade your responses. The graduate coordinator will administer the exam via email and will work with you on those details.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Title for Essay Project/ Indicate Exam choice:

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Abstract of Essay Project/ Fields for Exam (please attach any additional details on another page):

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Advisor’s Name: ____________________________________________________

Advisor’s Signature: _________________________________________________

NOTE: All MA Essays will also be evaluated by a SECOND faculty reader within the Department, to be selected either by the degree candidate or by the MA Advisor. Any student with a second reader in mind is encouraged to talk with him or her prior to submitting this form.

* If you have consulted with your second reader and secured his/her agreement to serve, please indicate his/her name here: ____________________________________________________

* If you have not yet consulted with a second reader but have suggestions for faculty whom the MA Advisor might approach, please indicate their names here: ____________________________________________________