

Religion Department Senior Thesis Application

Name _____ School _____ Anticipated Graduation _____

Local Address _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Majors in the Religion Department are encouraged, but not required, to write a thesis in their final year of study. Many students choose to write a senior thesis in order to pursue an advanced topic in greater depth or to work on a particular area of interest with a professor of their choosing. This opportunity is available to all students who major in the department, regardless of grade-point average, and serves for many as the capstone experience of their undergraduate career.

If you are interested in writing a thesis, you must submit this application to the Director of Undergraduate Studies no later than the spring of your junior year, along with a prospectus and a letter of support by a religion faculty member who will direct the thesis. The prospectus (5–7 pages) should detail a research program and the central question or questions to be pursued in the paper, your preparation for pursuing this thesis, and a proposed timeline. The primary advisor of the thesis must be a member of the Religion Department faculty.

Every student who receives the mark of “distinction” on her or his senior thesis and who maintains a departmental grade-point average of 3.66 or above will be considered for departmental honors. Writing a senior thesis qualifies you for consideration for departmental honors but does not assure it. In most years, only 10 percent of majors receive departmental honors.

Proposed Thesis Title _____

Advisor _____

A COPY OF THE PROSPECTUS AND OF YOUR LETTER OF SUPPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Advisor signature _____ Date _____

Director of Undergraduate Studies signature _____ Date _____