

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

MRU Student ID: _____ MRU Email: _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The Honours Project Agreement operates in the context of ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar. This agreement is therefore open only to students eligible to register in ENGL 5110 in the upcoming fall semester. Please read the Honours Project Guidelines on the back of this sheet prior to filling in the form below. To be eligible to graduate from Honours English, students must achieve a final grade of “B” or higher in ENGL 5110.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: _____ *Indicate the tentative focus of your project in a working title (20-70 characters). The title and/or focus may change slightly as the project evolves during the summer and fall.*

Project Length: _____ *Specify the number of words appropriate to the project. The length will vary with focus and methodology, but something in the range of 6,000-8,000 words is generally advised.*

Project Methodology: _____ *Specify a mode of inquiry. It is possible to combine theoretical, critical, and/or creative approaches. Projects involving human or animal subjects require a research ethics review.*

Pre-Session Reading: _____ *Compile a list of no fewer than twenty (20) items to be consulted before ENGL 5110 convenes in the fall semester. Format in accordance with MLA style.*
 Check to indicate copy of reading list submitted to ENGL 5110 Instructor. Check to indicate copy of reading list submitted to Honours Project Supervisor.

Project Description: _____ *Briefly describe below the proposed project by defining its purpose and/or scope (20-50 words).*

SUPERVISION INFORMATION

Supervisor Name: _____ *Only tenured or tenurable faculty in English, Film Studies, or Creative Writing with an MA or PhD or equivalent are eligible as supervisors. Consult the list of available supervisors.*

Supervisory Schedule: _____ *Specify the number or interval of meetings. A maximum of four meetings is suggested. The schedule for meetings and interim submissions is to be finalized in September.*

Project Submission Date: _____ *Specify a date by which the supervisor must receive the completed project. A date no later than four (4) consecutive days into the final examination period is recommended.*

Late Penalties: _____

Honours supervisors must submit final grades for the project to the ENGL 5110 instructor no later than four (4) consecutive days before the end of the final examination period. No “I” grades are permitted for the evaluation of the project unless approved in advance by the Chair.

Subject to the completion, submission, and approval of a research proposal in the upcoming fall semester, the supervisor named has, by signing below, indicated a willingness to oversee and evaluate the proposed project.

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

- I, the undersigned student, have compiled a pre-session reading list of no fewer than twenty (20) items and submitted a copy in support of this agreement.
- I, the undersigned student, recognize that this agreement is contingent on the approval of a research proposal in the upcoming fall semester. Accordingly, I undertake to bring a draft proposal (600 words maximum) to the first meeting of ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar.
- I, the undersigned student, acknowledge that the instructor of record for ENGL 5110 and the honours project supervisor, as indicated here, must of necessity discuss my academic performance in and for the course. I understand, moreover, that the honours project supervisor is responsible for evaluating the completed honours project, worth 60% of the final grade for the course, and communicating the results of this evaluation to the instructor of record. I also understand that the instructor of record is responsible for evaluating all other aspects of my performance for ENGL 5110.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy: This information is collected under the authority of and in response to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act in the Province of Alberta. This information will be used to enable project supervision for ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar within the Bachelor of Arts, English Honours. Questions can be directed to the Chair, English Honours Program, Faculty of Arts, Mount Royal University, 4825 Mount Royal Gate SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3E 6K6 or by phone at 403.440.6453.

ENGL 5110 INSTRUCTOR: _____ **SEMESTER:** FALL

INSTRUCTOR SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

This form should be completed and submitted by the first Friday in MAY. Project agreements will not normally be accepted after the second Friday in JUNE.

ENGL 5110—HONOURS SEMINAR: This project-driven seminar involves advanced studies in literature and language. Given various practical opportunities for research, including an independent honours project, students will assess their scholastic experiences to generate analysis of English studies as a field of inquiry. They will also apply their understanding of English studies to specific texts and disciplinary debates. **TO BE ELIGIBLE TO GRADUATE FROM HONOURS ENGLISH, STUDENTS MUST ACHIEVE A FINAL GRADE OF “B” OR HIGHER IN THIS SEMINAR.**

***Pre- or Co-requisite:** One of English 4401, 4410, 4420, 4440, 4443, 4446, 4701, 4702, or 4801.
Restrictions: ENGL 5110 is restricted to students who have completed thirty (30) courses toward the B.A. and who are officially accepted and registered in English Honours. This course is only offered in the fall semester.*

HONOURS PROJECT GUIDELINES GETTING STARTED

Finding a supervisor (March to April)

1. Review the list of available faculty supervisors. Browse fields of study and areas of interest. Create a shortlist. Don't worry if you aren't yet clear about your topic or approach. Potential supervisors may be able to suggest a project focus.
2. Be respectful and write first. Explain in an email that you would like to make an appointment in order to talk about the honours project. Do not buttonhole a potential supervisor unannounced in the hallway or during office hours.
3. Try not to be disappointed if a faculty member declines your request. A faculty member's ability to supervise a student depends on several factors, including specialization, schedule, and workload. Only tenured or tenurable faculty in English who hold a postgraduate degree at the master's or doctoral level are eligible for honours project supervision for ENGL 5110. They must have expertise in the honours subject area. Depending on their other obligations, some faculty may be able to accommodate as many as three students; some, none.
4. Plan to discuss your scholarly interests in detail when you meet for the first time. Note your questions beforehand. Be prepared to record feedback that your supervisor provides to you during your meeting.
5. Make another appointment to review the terms of the Honours Project Agreement. Together, you and your supervisor should note any pre-session reading or other preparation to be undertaken during the summer. The two of you should also discuss the research proposal draft which is due at the first meeting of English 5110 in the upcoming fall semester.
6. Aim to enter into an agreement with a potential supervisor by the end of April. Once both you and your supervisor have signed this form, submit it along with a copy of your list for pre-session reading.

Compiling a list of works to be consulted (April to May)

1. Put together a list of no fewer than twenty items to be reviewed before ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar begins in the fall.
2. Include primary as well as secondary sources, articles as well as books.
3. Format the list in accordance with MLA style.
4. Submit the list of works to be consulted along with the Honours Project Agreement. This list constitutes your pre-session reading.

Drafting a research proposal (May to August)

1. Plan to review the work included on your pre-session reading list during the summer.
2. Draft a research proposal (600 words maximum). Please format your proposal according to MLA standards. For more information, see the Modern Language Association of America, *MLA Handbook*, 8th ed (MLA, 2016). Registrants in ENGL 5110 will workshop draft research proposals in class. You **MUST** bring a draft to the first class in the upcoming fall semester.

A. Structure your proposal in four parts or four paragraphs:

1. Identify your project. Provide a full statement of the topic.
2. Explain what your project will achieve. Summarize the format. In essence, answer the following questions:
 - i. What do you hope to accomplish by completing the project?
 - ii. How will your project be structured?
3. Provide a brief literature review and place your project in its disciplinary context.
4. Identify your methodology. Briefly repeat the importance of your proposed project in relation to the discipline.

B. Attach an updated list of works consulted to your proposal.