

# RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

## Application for RCAH 491: Senior Thesis

### Instructions

1. The primary way that RCAH students will fulfill their College capstone requirement is by taking the Senior Seminar (RCAH 492).
2. The alternative to this is to apply for permission to enroll in the Senior Thesis (RCAH 491) and write a thesis. Permission will be granted to a limited number of students based on a competitive application process.
3. Students wishing to complete the capstone by writing a senior thesis must submit an application to the Dean's office by the end of March in the spring **before** their senior year. For example, students wishing to take the Senior Thesis (RCAH 491) in either fall 2012 or spring 2013 must submit an application by **March 30, 2012**.
4. The application must include:
  - a. a completed, typed thesis application form that includes approval by the faculty who will serve as the thesis advisor
  - b. a 750-word proposal
  - c. a bibliography (minimum ten references)
  - d. a 250-word "professional narrative" or "bio-sketch." The narrative should explain how this project, as a capstone project, relates to and builds on previous work the student has completed in the RCAH and at MSU. It could also include an account of resources that will be drawn on (people to consult with, etc.).

The application should be complete, carefully written, and well-organized.
5. Upon approval of the Dean's office, students will be given permission to enroll in RCAH 491, Senior Thesis, for the upcoming academic year.
6. Completion of the thesis requires the following:
  - a. Permanent documentation of the project submitted to the RCAH. If the thesis is a written document, submission of that document is sufficient. If the project includes an exhibit or performance, then the student and faculty advisor will agree on an appropriate format for submission.
  - b. Assignment of a passing grade by the faculty advisor.

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**Application**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester during which the project will be completed: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Project Title:

2. Abstract:

3. Special notes (e.g., are there special requirements such as performance or exhibit space, involvement of a community partner, etc.):

4. Attach 750-word proposal with bibliography and 250-word narrative or bio-sketch.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Instructor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_