



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences

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THESIS APPLICATION for Research Distinction

RETURN TO: Ed Quinn
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ALL PARTS OF THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED, INCLUDING:

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| ☐ Intended Type of Distinction | ☐ Description of the Thesis Project |
| ☐ Candidacy Information | ☐ Required Signature |
| ☐ Proposed Research Terms | |

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK

A. Intended Type of Distinction (check one):

- ☐ With Research Distinction in _____ (insert the major field).
This distinction is awarded for the successful completion and defense of a thesis in the major field.
- ☐ With Research Distinction. This distinction is awarded for the successful completion and defense of a thesis outside the major field.

B. Candidacy Information

Name: _____ Ohio State email: _____

Major(s): _____

Field of distinction (major or other discipline): _____

Expected term and year of graduation: _____

(Please note if you plan to defend the thesis before your final semester.)

Hours of course work completed toward the undergraduate degree/Ohio State graded hours: _____ / _____

(Note: 60 graded hours at Ohio State are required upon graduation.)

Cumulative grade-point average (GPA) at Ohio State: _____

(Note: a 3.0 cumulative GPA is required.)

Major GPA in all courses taken at Ohio State (if field of distinction is in major): _____

Proposed Topic/Title: _____

Project Advisor(s): _____ Department: _____
(include name.#)

_____ Department: _____

Major Advisor(s): _____ Department: _____
(include name.#)

_____ Department: _____

C. PROPOSED RESEARCH SEMESTERS

I have completed, or intend to complete, the following special course work for my research (minimum of 4 hours of 4999 or 4998 or equivalent combination designated by your department):

Course (Department, number, and title)	Hours	Term	Year	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Thesis Research Hours:				_____

D. ORAL EXAMINATION PAPERWORK

The oral examination paperwork is sent to you and your project advisor the term you have indicated you intend to complete the oral exam. You may defend your thesis earlier than your graduation term, but you must notify Ed Quinn (quinn.142@osu.edu, 614-292-6961), so that the paperwork can be sent the appropriate term.

Attach a brief description or outline of your project (maximum of 500 words), including an indication of the significance of your inquiry and its relation to larger issues in the discipline.

Proposed Title: _____

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[Plagiarism](#) and unapproved use of GenAI tools for work on the thesis may be considered a violation of Ohio State's [Academic Integrity](#) policy and [Code of Student Conduct](#) and will result in referral to the [Committee on Academic Misconduct](#).

AI Disclosure Statement

Given that the main objective of the thesis is the creation of original scholarly work:

- The use of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tools, including spelling and grammar tools, is **not permitted except as approved by your primary project advisor**. [The use of writing aids embedded in standard word processing programs is permitted](#).
- **Any usage of AI must be cited per the norms of your discipline in the final thesis document**. Please defer to your primary project advisor for discipline-specific norms.
- Only [university-approved](#) AI tools may be used.

Please indicate below whether you plan to use GenAI to complete any part of your thesis (including outlining, graphics, data collection/analysis). If you plan to use AI, please discuss this usage with your project advisor and describe it below.

☐ **I will use university-approved AI tools for my thesis. I have discussed this usage with my advisor and will cite my usage in my final thesis document.**

Specify the GenAI applications or tools and the purpose for which each will be used:

☐ **I will not use AI tools for my thesis**

Candidates may amend this statement at any time prior to the defense by contacting their assigned Thesis Coordinator.

F. REQUIRED SIGNATURES

First Project Advisor (please print): _____

Campus Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of first project advisor: _____ Date: _____

Second Project Advisor—if applicable (please print): _____

Campus Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of second project advisor: _____ Date: _____

Co-signer—if applicable (please print)

(Some departments require the signature of the chairperson or designated honors advisor.)

Campus Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of co-signer: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Ohio State email: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Date: _____

*Arts and Sciences Approval: _____ Date: _____

***Return form to Ed Quinn for Arts and Sciences Approval (quinn.142@osu.edu)**