

HONORS THESIS PROPOSAL

Name: _____ Major Concentration: _____

I have taken the following rhetoric courses: (Please list both departmental courses and those taken to satisfy interdisciplinary requirements):

Semester Taken	Course number and title	Grade Earned

Title or Subject:

Text / Artifact _____

Please attach a copy of your text/artifact to this proposal.

Please write a short (4-7 page) essay in which you respond to the following questions.

1. What is the problem or question or topic that you are interested in studying? What makes this topic important, and interesting?
2. What do other scholars say about your question or topic? What are the competing approaches or perspectives in the literature? How would you situate your question in these ongoing discussions?
3. Describe how you plan to discuss and/or answer your question. What do you plan to do and why? Tell us what kind of information you are planning to analyze and how your analysis will address and contribute to the scholarly literature. Why is your rhetorical approach useful?

4. What do you expect to find at the end of your research? What might your arguments or contributions be?
5. Sketch out in paragraph form or roughly outline the chapters that may be included in your thesis.
6. Include a detailed/annotated bibliography.