

MA in Humanities Thesis Proposal Form

Student Name: _____

Proposal Title: _____

Description - The Proposal

A successful proposal for the thesis will describe the project in some detail, giving readers not only a sense of the project but the confidence that the student, in conjunction with her/his director, has thoroughly thought through and already explored the thesis and scope of the proposed work. The proposal is considered a road map for the thesis; while the department and the committee expects that the project will evolve over the course of the student's work, and thus change, the project should not be radically altered from the proposal without approval from the entire committee. A proposal should be between ten to fifteen pages in length and should minimally consist of the following:

- A lengthy description of the project itself, with emphasis on the thesis and three chapters being proposed (this will take up the bulk of the proposal);
- Some discussion that places the project into the context of other critical work about the subject area;
- Some discussion of how the student came to the project;
- A lengthy reading list of primary and critical works the student will consider and consult during the course of her thesis;
- Plus anything else that the student feels is relevant to the project.

Approval

We, the undersigned, have assessed the proposal and by our signature indicate that the student is prepared to begin writing the thesis as part of his/her degree requirements for the MA in Humanities Program at Wilson College.

Thesis Director (signature)

First Reader (signature)

A copy of this signed form must be submitted to the Program Director prior to the semester in which the student plans to begin writing the thesis.