

## ENGLISH 502: INDEPENDENT STUDY FOR DOCTORAL QUALIFICATION

[To be completed and approved in the semester *prior* to that in which the course is taken.]

In English 502, students prepare for the PhD examination and write a draft of their dissertation proposals. English 502 explicitly couples the drafting of a prospectus—and thus the earliest stages of dissertation research, the formation of a core bibliography, and the definition of the project itself—with the student's preparation for the PhD exam. The main function of the instructor is to advise the student in the drafting of the dissertation proposal as well as the field lists and statements insofar as these are relevant to the dissertation.

As of Spring 2008, 502 requires a minimum of 7 contact hours (or 1 hour every two weeks). English 502 is graded on a credit/no credit basis. Students may take an incomplete in 502, but *grades of incomplete may be carried for only one semester*.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Term and year \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Intended date of PhD exam \_\_\_\_\_

Area of focus for dissertation \_\_\_\_\_

### Selected Bibliography of Readings:

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Instructor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.D.'s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_