

THESIS PROPOSAL

Original proposal _____ Name _____

Revised proposal _____ Student ID# _____

Date _____ Concentration _____

Note: If none, write "General Liberal Studies"

Independent Study Title: _____

Term completed: _____

Independent Study Advisor _____

Title of Proposed Thesis Project: _____

THESIS PROPOSAL Please address each of these questions in your proposal.

1. What is the issue that your thesis will address?

- Please describe in one or two paragraphs the background of your topic and the problem you have identified. Why is it important?

2. Address the academic disciplines from which you will draw and explain which of these disciplines will inform the methodology you use.

3. What is the central research question that your thesis will address?

- Please state the central question/theme in the form of an abstract - two to three sentences - summarizing the problem you will address.

Do NOT state this with generalizations such as or "*This project will look at....*" or "*My thesis will explore the political overtones in the novels of Gabriel Garcia Marquez.*", but rather with a developed thesis statement: "*The fictional works of GGM are characterized by the use of intricate political developments that closely parallel those that occurred in Colombia from the early nineteenth century through its independence movement.*"

4. How does this thesis project relate to your coursework in the MALS Program?

- What prior background do you have in these fields (within MALS or prior to MALS)?
- Have your courses in MALS contributed to the development of this thesis? If so, how?
- If related to your Independent Study project, how do you differentiate your thesis work?

5. Attach a bibliography.

Comments from First Reader on the viability of the project:

Please note any planned sabbaticals, extended travel, or time restrictions of Readers during the year of the thesis project:

SIGNATURES OF THESIS READERS (Your principal reader must be an individual who holds a regular Dartmouth faculty appointment. One of your readers must be a MALS faculty member.)

By signing this proposal I affirm my willingness and availability to work with the student during the stated time period on this project.

1. Principal Reader _____

Signature _____ Date _____

2. Second Reader _____

Signature _____ Date _____

3. Third Reader _____

Signature _____ Date _____