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English Honors Program Application for Admission

Name: _____ UM ID#: _____

Address (Local): _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Address (Permanent): _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number (Local): _____ (Permanent): _____

Current Class Standing: _____ Email unique name: _____

Expected Graduation Date (month and year): _____

Please attach an unofficial transcript, highlighting all English courses completed.

English courses you are currently taking:

<u>Term & Year</u>	<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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Courses taken in other departments that have had special relevance to your literary studies:

<u>Term & Year</u>	<u>Department & Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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Names of two English Department faculty members who would be able to speak about your work. These should be professors with whom you have taken (or are taking) courses:

Do you plan to study abroad? If so, when and where? If you have already studied abroad, please describe that study briefly:

Do you know any languages(s) other than English? Please list those languages(s) and specify your level of competence (e.g. reading only; reading and speaking; reading, speaking writing):

Signature

Date

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

Please include the following three items, arranged in this order, as part of your application:

- a) A copy of your current transcript (unofficial is okay).
- b) A statement of purpose of no more than 800 words. This statement is a very important part of your application. Read the guidelines below carefully:
 - You should tell the committee as specifically as possible why you wish to pursue honors work in English and what you hope to get out of the program.
 - You should discuss, in some detail and with as much specificity as possible, what you intend to focus on and what you hope to achieve in the honors program. You will be unlikely to have a thesis topic in mind, but you should already have some interests in the field of English that you can enumerate and discuss. Should you be admitted to the program, you will not be required to work in the area you have discussed in your application. What the committee is looking for is a degree of commitment to the field and an early demonstration of your ability to define an interesting set of questions and to develop your thinking about those questions.
 - Try to avoid extended, general discussions about your love for literature. Instead, explain that love or fascination through particular examples of ideas for projects, questions you'd like to explore, or descriptions of work you've done that has been exciting to you.
 - This statement of purpose is among other things a writing sample. Proofread it carefully. Make sure that is clear, concise and representative of your best prose style.
- c) A copy (please do not submit the original) of a critical essay you have written that you feel exemplifies your best work to date. Please do not submit a creative writing sample unless you are applying for Honors with a focus in creative writing (there is a separate application to the English Creative Writing Subconcentration). If at all possible, submit an essay written for an English course. In addition to presenting an argument, this essay should contain some detailed analysis of a piece of writing. Please include the course name and number for which you wrote the essay; specify as well when you wrote the paper and the name of the instructor for whom you wrote it.

Please return your completed application to the Undergraduate English Office, 3187 Angell Hall by 5:00pm, October 14th, 2011 (Fall Term) OR February 24th, 2012 (Winter Term). You will be contacted by mail once a decision has been made on your application, usually within three weeks of the application deadline.

An information session about the Honors Program is offered every term several weeks in advance of the application deadline; details can be obtained at the department office. If you have further questions about the application or the application process, please feel free to contact the Director of the Honors Program, Jennifer Wenzel at jawenzel@umich.edu.