English Major with Honors Program
Application for Admission

Name:____________________________________________________ UM ID#:___________________________

UM e-mail:_______________________________________________

Current Class Standing:___________ Expected Graduation Date: _________________

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

English courses you are currently enrolled:

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Courses taken in other departments that have had special relevance to your literary studies:

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Please list 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 and preferably tenure-track faculty who regularly advise English Honors theses (i.e. Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Professors):

1. _________________________________________________________________
2. _________________________________________________________________

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

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

1. __________________________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________________________________________

Please see attached page for additional application instructions/procedures.
Please include the following three items, arranged in this order, as part of your application:

1) A copy of your current unofficial transcript.
2) 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 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 for 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 it is clear, concise and representative of your best prose style.
3) A copy (please do not submit the original) of a critical essay you have written that you feel exemplifies your best work to date. There is a separate application to the English Creative Writing Sub-concentration/Honors Program. 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, course number/section and instructor’s name for which you wrote the essay; specify as well when you wrote the paper.

Please return your completed application to the English Undergraduate Office, 3187 Angell Hall by 5:00pm on Friday, October 23, 2015, (Fall term) and Monday, February 22, 2016 (Winter term). You will be contacted via email once a decision has been made on your application, usually within three to four weeks.

An information session about the English Honors Program is offered every term several weeks in advance of the application deadline. If you have further questions about the application or the application process, please feel free to contact the Director of the Honors Program, Professor Sean Silver at srsilver@umich.edu