

YORK UNIVERSITY - GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH

DIRECTED READING FORM

Date: _____

Name: _____ Student No.: _____

Signature: _____

Directed Reading Course Title:

(No more than 40 characters including spaces)

Term (circle one): Fall Fall/Winter Winter Summer

Supervisor: _____

Supervisor's signature: _____

(Detach and submit the top part to the Graduate Programme Office. Retain the bottom for your information)

Students have the option of taking a Directed Reading course with a faculty member provided something like it is not available in the current curriculum and provided it does not overlap significantly with a course taken previously. Students are normally allowed one reading course during their entire graduate tenure at York.

Guidelines for Directed Reading Proposals

The following information must be included in any Directed Reading Proposal:

Rationale: The rationale should both explain how the material of your course forms a coherent focus of study and outline the objectives of your study. In cases in which the material resembles that of a graduate program course, you should explain how your reading program will differ from the course. When appropriate, the rationale should explain the critical context in which the material will be studied.

Evaluation Method: List the number of written assignments you will submit to your director and the approximate length of each. Any additional grounds of evaluation should be specified, together with a rationale (the written assignments of essay type should be listed with an approximate word-count or page length; if different from essay type, the format and length should be explained.) The relative weightings of each component of the grade should also be given.

Schedule: State the frequency and length of time you and your director will meet. Normally such courses meet for an average of one hour per week. A rationale should be provided for any significant deviation from this.

List of Texts: This list should follow the style prescribed by the MLA Handbook. Primary and secondary materials should be listed separately. Usually course proposals should include a critical or theoretical component among texts to be read

Indicate whether your proposal is for a half or full course (.03 or .06). Complete the Directed Reading Form above.

Proposals may be submitted to the Graduate Study Committee by any of the deadlines: September 15; October 15; January 15; April 15.