

GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR ESSAY AND INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSALS

- ii) Independent Study courses (FRE491H/492H) are normally evaluated on the basis of a variety of discussions, oral presentations and written papers. The Senior Essay (FRE490Y) requires that 60-70% of the final mark be based on one major essay of substantial length or on two closely related essays (which could be considered as two chapters of a single project). In both cases, sufficient work (e.g., in the form of preliminary drafts for the Senior Essay) should be handed in by the student and marked by the supervisor before the deadline for withdrawal.
- iii) The final mark for the course is to be submitted to the Department no later than the deadline announced for other FRE courses of the same session or term.

5. APPLICATION PROCESS

- i) The student should submit a brief proposal, which will provide the basis for the application, to the supervisor, and complete the application form in collaboration with the supervisor.
- ii) The supervisor must be satisfied that the student's topic is academically worthwhile and that the student is capable of undertaking the proposed project.
- iii) In describing the project, the student should be as specific as possible and include the following: objectives, methodology, required readings, timeline.
- iv) The student and the supervisor must agree on a regular schedule of consultations. The Department requires a minimum of 1 hour per week or 2 hours every other week, including virtual consultation, with a minimum of 1 hour of direct contact per month.
- v) The completed form must be signed by both the student and the supervisor, and returned to the Department by the student.

6. DEPARTMENTAL EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT

- i) The project will be examined by the Department's Curriculum Committee or its delegates, which may accept it, reject it, require modifications, or request further clarification.
- ii) Both the student and the supervisor will be notified of the Committee's decision as soon as it has been made.