**DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE STUDIES  
APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION**

Please review the guidelines at <https://romancestudies.duke.edu/undergraduate/graduation-with-distinction> to make sure you meet the requirements for this program. If the requirements have been met and you would like to pursue this program, please provide the following information:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Major GPA:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Independent Study courses previously taken:

Junior/Fall-393 Senior/Fall-493

Junior/Spring-394 Senior/Spring-494

If the first tutorial independent study has not been taken, it may be waived as stated in the attached guidelines. Please have either the supervising professor or Director of Undergraduate Studies approve the waiver of the first course below.

**Title of Honors Thesis Project:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Committee for Graduation with Distinction.*** This committee should be composed of three faculty members. One of the members will be the supervising professor for the student’s independent study course. You must ask two additional Romance Studies Faculty Members to serve on this committee.

The student named in this application would like for you to serve on his/her Committee for Graduation with Distinction/ In order to confirm that you will serve this committee, please sign your name in the blank beside your name. As a member of this committee, you are agreeing to evaluate the student’s honors thesis /defense.

The defense date is tentatively scheduled for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name of Faculty Member Signature

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Faculty Member Signature

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Supervisor Signature

\*NOTE TO THE APPLICANT: It is your responsibility to arrange your schedule and consult with the three committee members to determine a date and time that is most convenient for everyone. Please make sure that your defense is completed no later than the last day of classes.

DUS approval of this Graduation with Distinction application is granted when signed below:

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 Printed Name of DUS Signature

Graduation with Distinction: Romance Studies (ROMST)

Procedure for selection of students

The department encourages French, Italian, Romance Studies, and Spanish majors to work towards the completion of a thesis for the honor of graduation with distinction. The student's grade point average overall must be at least 3.3, and in the major must be at least 3.3 (French, Italian, Romance Studies) or 3.5 (Spanish) at the time of application (see application below) during pre-registration for fall semester of the senior year. This average must be sustained until graduation. The student must satisfy the requirements of the major program as they are stated in the Undergraduate Bulletin.

Expected product

The principal document that the student will offer in support of his/her candidacy for graduation with distinction will be the completed thesis, which should be approximately 40 pages in length. A research independent study and the honors thesis course are taken by the student in the fall and spring, respectively, of their senior year.

Evaluative body

A committee chaired by the professor supervising the student's thesis and two other faculty members.

Evaluation procedure

The student will defend the thesis (in the student's major foreign language) before the committee no later than the last day of classes. The defense will be conducted orally and usually lasts approximately forty-five minutes to an hour.

Levels of distinction

Three levels: Distinction, High Distinction, and Highest Distinction. The committee will determine the level of distinction on the basis of the oral examination, the conduct of the research, and the quality of the written thesis.

Special courses, other activities required, comments

Students pursuing graduation with distinction are required to enroll in an Independent Study in the fall of the senior year and Honors Thesis in the spring of the senior year.