

DECLARATION OF INTENT: ENGLISH MA WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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DATE OF THIS DECLARATION: ____/____/____

The written comprehensive examination tests a student's knowledge of three broad graduate-level areas of study. One must be a British literature area; one must be an American literature area. One must be an early (pre-1800) British or American literature area; one must be a later (post-1800) British or American literature area. The comprehensive examination not only tests what the candidate may have read in classes offered during coursework but also covers the entire named subject area. (For example, the 19th-century British area examination covers both Romantic *and* Victorian writing.)

The Department of English offers comprehensive examinations three times each year, on the third Saturdays of February, June, and October. Students have two hours to answer each of the three examination area questions.

Please indicate below your choice of test date and choice of the three subject areas. If you would like to word-process your exam, you must use a laptop provided by the English Department; check the request box after the subject areas.

Submit this declaration form (as "hard copy") to the Director of Graduate Studies in English by the deadline in the semester before you sit for the exam.

Once having signed up for the exam, download required reading lists for the three areas. Candidates must know all of the required works on each area list. The student may also submit for approval a list of any other primary or secondary works that she or he wishes to use on the exam; this list will supplement but not replace the required list. Please submit the lists of any supplementary works as an attachment to this declaration form.

The graduate faculty recommend that each student consult with area specialists well in advance of the exam date, preferably a full semester, in order to prepare adequately. For the names of area specialists, see the list of graduate faculty.

The Director of Graduate Studies will e-mail specific instructions approximately two weeks before you sit for the examination; please make sure that your e-mail address and telephone number(s) above are current.

TEST DATE (CIRCLE ONE)

February

June

October

SUBJECT AREAS (SELECT THREE)

_____ **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

_____ **EARLY AND MIDDLE ENGLISH LITERATURE**

WORLD LITERATURE:

_____ **EMPHASIS IN THE CLASSICAL TRADITION**

_____ **EMPHASIS IN WORLD LITERATURE IN ENGLISH (POSTCOLONIAL)**

_____ **THEORY AND PRACTICE OF COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC**

_____ **TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING**

_____ **RENAISSANCE AND 17TH-CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE**

_____ **RESTORATION AND 18TH-CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE**

_____ **AMERICAN LITERATURE BEFORE 1800**

_____ **19TH-CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE**

_____ **19TH-CENTURY AMERICAN LITERATURE**

_____ **20TH-/21ST-CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE**

_____ **20TH- /21ST-CENTURY AMERICAN LITERATURE**

_____ **I REQUEST THE USE OF A DEPARTMENTAL LAPTOP FOR THE EXAMINATION.**

PRINTED NAME

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