

HL4099 Graduation Essay (FYP) offers students a unique chance to engage in a sustained, independent research project with the guidance of a faculty supervisor. Barring unusual circumstances (due to credits anomalies or leaves of absence) students will carry out the project over the final two semesters of their time at NTU. Students bear the intellectual and managerial responsibility for the project, with the supervisor providing encouragement and advice.

ELIGIBILITY

To commence the FYP a student must be of fourth-year standing and have a CPGA of 3.75 at the start of the relevant semester. If the student's CGPA is above 3.90, the FYP is compulsory for the honours degree; students with marks between 3.75 and 3.89 can opt in to the programme by emailing the FYP coordinator (currently Assistant Professor Kevin Riordan). Students with CGPAs below 3.75 must read an additional two 4000-level modules in lieu of the 8 AUs allotted for the FYP; they may appeal for an exception to the eligibility rules, but such exceptions will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances.

PROPOSAL PROCESS

The FYP process begins with the student proposing a topic prior to the project's beginning (the exact dates differ by cohort). For this proposal, students should include in a single document: a 250-500 word abstract, a provisional bibliography, and a list of the modules that have prepared them for this particular project. While the FYP offers the opportunity for independent work, the proposed work must bear a clear correspondence to the English curriculum; the projects must build upon, rather than diverge from, the disciplinary training in the major. The proposals will be vetted by a faculty committee, and students will be assigned supervisors and registered for 8 AUs by the end of the relevant semester's Add/Drop period. Students cannot request specific supervisors.

CREATIVE WRITING PROJECTS

Students who have taken Creative Writing modules are eligible to pursue a creative writing FYP. The proposal should be adapted accordingly, and the final paper will include both the creative work and a critical exegesis (developed in consultation with the supervisor). Word counts (for poetry and drama projects) will be adjusted in conversation with the supervisor.

ESSAY SPECIFICATIONS

9000-11000 words

MLA Formatting

SUBMISSION

The FYP is due in either April or November depending on the start date and the semester in question. By close-of-business on the due date, students must submit two bound copies to the reception counter of the Undergraduate Office (HSS, Level 1), as well as an electronic submission on NTU Learn. The binding can be a simple coil, available in the copy room in HSS, B1; there is also an optional cover sheet available on NTU Learn. Finally, students are encouraged to submit your work to the [library research depository](#).

For additional information, including cohort-specific announcements, check your NTU email regularly and refer to NTU Learn for supplementary documents.