DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES
IBERIAN & LATINAMERICAN STUDIES
APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

Please review the attached guidelines at http://romancelanguages.nd.edu/iberian-and-latin-american-studies/ to make sure that 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:______________

Title of 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 Languages 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___________________________.

1. 
   Printed Name of Faculty Member ____________________________
   Signature ____________________________

2. 
   Printed Name of Faculty Member ____________________________
   Signature ____________________________

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   Printed Name of Supervisor or DUS ____________________________
   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 final exams.

Graduation with Distinction: Romance Languages

Procedure for selection of students
The department encourages 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 3.4 at the time of application 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.

**Expected product**
The principal document that the student will offer in support of candidacy for graduation with distinction will be the completed thesis, which should be approximately 40 pages in length. The document could be written either in English or Spanish. The Senior seminar and an independent study 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 the final examination period. The defense will be conducted orally and usually lasts approximately forty-five minutes to an hour.

**Levels of distinction**
Two levels: Distinction and High 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 the research Senior Seminar in the fall of the senior year and in the independent thesis course in the spring of the senior year.