Graduate Program in Hispanic Studies
PhD Pre-Proposal & Supervisory Agreement

Section 1: Brief proposal

This section will form the basis for the assignment of the PhD supervisor/s and the
advising committee (second reader). It should be completed after discussion with
the Graduate Chair and the prospective supervisor.

Your completed form must be handed in to the Graduate Chair and prospective
supervisor by the week 2 of the second term.

1. Your name:

2. Working title:

3. Identify in order of importance three central objectives that you want to
pursue in this research:
i)

ii)

iii)

4. Brief description of topic area:
(This section should be used to identify the core of your enquiry, to summarize the
overall scope of your topic and to provide some information on the methods/
approach/ theory which you will be adopting) +/- 250-300 words

5. Initial resource implications (Please format according to your field – ed. MLA/
APA. Please use space as needed):

a) primary sources (data, books, film, artworks, etc.)

b) secondary sources (reading list – scholarly articles, monographs, etc.)

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Section 2: The Dissertation
This section should be given to your supervisor by the end of the third term. Once
approved, a copy should be submitted to the Graduate Chair and Graduate Assistant.
1. The research objective (s). These should be related to the ones identified
previously, but slightly more defined.
2. Give an outline plan of the way in which you think the dissertation might be
organized, using headings and brief indications of content. The headings are to focus
your mind on the structure of the dissertation. You can consider these headings as
chapters. You do not have to fill in all spaces.
Introduction
Heading 1:
Contents:
Heading 2:
Contents:
Heading 3:
Contents:
Heading 4:
Contents:
Heading 5:
Contents:
Conclusion:

3. Identify the resources you will need to achieve your research objectives (eg. library, archive, screening, interview, data recompilation, etc).
a)
b)
c)
d)
e)
4. Identify the corpus that is necessary for your research. Indicate availability (in
UWO libraries, abroad, etc).
5. Identify key books and/or articles that

7. Does your research imply getting Ethics approval?
Yes
No
8) If your project implies going abroad, please identify potential funding sources.
Student signature:
Date:
Supervisor signature:
Date:
Second reader signature:
Date: