



APPLICATION

for Admission to the
Philosophy Department Honors Program

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY: _____

CLASS STATUS: _____

NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED IN PHILOSOPHY: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERALL CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED: _____

DATE OF APPLICATION FOR PHILOSOPHY MAJOR/MINOR: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN PHILOSOPHY: _____
(must be 3.5 or better)

GRADE POINT AVERAGE - OVERALL: _____
(must be 3.0 or better)

PROPOSED HONORS THESIS TOPIC: _____

Proposal for Departmental Honors Program in Philosophy

Name of Student _____

Name of Proposed Advisor _____

Proposal Title²

The Proposal should include a 250-750 word description of the proposal. It should address topics such as: (A) the nature of the project; (B) the purpose of the project; (C) importance of the project to the philosophic development of the student; (D) demonstration of ways in which the project follows up on work already done in other courses; (E) evidence the student has done sufficient preliminary investigation to determine that there is enough research material readily available to carry out the project and that he or she is qualified to do so; (F) need for involvement of other faculty either at Rhode Island College or elsewhere and evidence of their willingness to be involved.

It is critical that students accept the department's policy on plagiarism and that they recognize the thesis is their final responsibility and that faculty advisors may not be used as an excuse for plagiarism. The proposal should include a statement that the student has read and accepts the department's policy in this matter. For convenience, the policy is reproduced below:

Plagiarism. While it is unpleasant to discuss the matter of plagiarism in a process which the Department hopes will be positive and rewarding for students, the Department wants students to know that it takes plagiarism very seriously. Plagiarism is an affront to an academic community and especially so to philosophy where so much depends upon honest research honestly presented. Plagiarism in this context is defined as the presentation by a student of the work or part of the work of another person in such a way that a reasonable reader (whether or not well-prepared in the discipline) might conclude the student intended the reader to believe the work or part of the work was original with the student. Plagiarism discovered and demonstrated will result minimally in a failing grade for the 39_ course (or courses) and, depending upon extent, may result in further sanctions up to and including recommendation for dismissal from Rhode Island College. Any questions about plagiarism should be discussed with the Thesis Advisor and the Chair of the Honors Committee or the Honors Committee itself.

²It is recognized that this "Proposal Title" may or may not be the title of the eventual thesis.