Graduation with Distinction: Romance Studies (ROMST)

Procedure for selection of students
The department encourages French, Italian, and 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 3.3 (French, Italian) or 3.5 (Spanish) at the time of application (see application below) 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 as they are stated in the Undergraduate Bulletin.

Expected product
The principal document that the student will offer in support of his/her candidacy for graduation with distinction will be the completed thesis, which should be approximately 40 pages in length. An independent study and the Honors Thesis 198 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
Three levels: Distinction, High Distinction, and Highest 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 in Italian or Spanish are required to enroll in Independent Study 193 in the fall of the senior year and Honors Thesis 198 in the spring of the senior year. French majors pursuing distinction are required to enroll in Independent Study 183 in the fall of the senior year and Honors Thesis 188 in the spring of the senior year.

See Also:
* Department of Romance Studies
Application for Graduation with Distinction in Romance Studies

Name of Student: ___________________________ Graduation Date: ____________

Cumulative Duke GPA: (all Duke courses - 3.3 minimum required) __________

GPA in courses taken in the major: (French, Italian 3.3, Spanish 3.5 minimum required) __________

Language: (check one) French___ Spanish___ Italian___

Major: (check one) French Studies___ Spanish Studies___ Italian & European Studies___

Language: (check one) French___ Spanish___ Italian___

Major: French & European Studies___ Spanish & Lat. Am. St.___

Language: (check one) French___ Spanish___ Italian___

Major: French & European Studies___ Spanish & European St.___

Title of Distinction Project: _____________________________________________

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Thesis Supervisor: ________________________________

Brief Description of Distinction Project:

Signature of Thesis Supervisor: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Signature of DUS: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Submission of Application: to the Director of Undergraduate Studies
Application deadline: spring registration for senior year fall courses