

YALE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
REQUEST TO COUNT A JUNIOR SEMINAR AS A SENIOR SEMINAR

PURPOSE OF THIS FORM

A junior seminar in which the student, with the permission of the director of undergraduate studies and of the instructor, fulfills the senior requirement may be counted as a senior seminar. At the start of term, the student must arrange with the instructor to do the additional work necessary to make the course an appropriate capstone experience.

WHAT IS A SENIOR SEMINAR?

Senior seminars in English are intended to provide an appropriate culmination to the student's work in the major and in Yale College. They differ from other advanced seminars in including a substantial research component, culminating in a longer paper (c. 20 pp.) that showcases the student's independent research. Any advanced English seminar may qualify as a senior seminar if the student does additional work to meet this standard, and if the professor is willing to certify to the department that the requirement has been met.

Please note that Yale College requires midterm feedback and limits the final assignment's worth to 50% of the total grade. To meet these requirements and to add some scaffolding into the process for students taking the course as a senior seminar, instructors should include a midterm assignment that builds toward the final essay. This might be done either by making the midterm assignment a first installment of the final essay or by using it to work in other ways towards the long paper (an annotated bibliography, for example).

LIBRARY REQUIREMENT

The student must schedule a library workshop to fulfill the library requirement at the start of the third week of classes (if you have already fulfilled the requirement in a previous senior seminar, or if you aren't taking this seminar for senior seminar credit, you are not required to do the workshop now). [Library Workshop Sign-Up Link](#)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE

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COURSEWORK MODIFICATION

Please briefly describe below how the course work will be modified to make this course an appropriate capstone experience.

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STUDENT NAME / SIGNATURE AND DATE

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DUS SIGNATURE AND DATE

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SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The following portion is to be completed at the end of term and returned to the DUS office.

I certify that this student has completed the additional course work as described above and that this course may be counted as a senior seminar.

PROFESSOR SIGNATURE AND DATE

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Please PRINT this form as a PDF document and email it to the [English Department Registrar](#). An email from the professor may serve in lieu of a signature. Please contact the Department Registrar if you have any questions.