**-FORM B-**

**SPECIAL FIELDS READING LIST**

**DUE OCTOBER 1**

**PHD YEAR 2 / PHD U YEAR 3**

**GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

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Please carefully consult [Description of Special Fields Exam and Timeline for Preliminary Thesis Proposal, Reading List, and Special Fields Exam](https://www.english.utoronto.ca/sites/www.english.utoronto.ca/files/Description%20of%20Special%20Fields%20Exam.pdf).

* The Special Fields Exam is a ***fields*** exam, not a dissertation exam.
* The **major field** must be one in which teaching and hiring is done.
* The **minor field** is either another research and teaching field in some way *adjacent or relevant to* the major field – chronologically, geographically, theoretically, or methodologically – or a discrete theoretical / methodological approach.
* Each field could be the same as *or* more specific than one of the department's [Research Areas.](https://www.english.utoronto.ca/graduate/general-information/research-areas)
* Both fields should be broader than the thesis topic.
* Each reading list should allow the student to become conversant with and gain expertise in the respective field. These lists should not be thought of as preliminary bibliographies for the dissertation or a chapter thereof.

**Student completes fields in blue; supervisory committee members complete fields in green.**

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**Supervisory Committee**

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*By entering your names below, you confirm that you have read and approved the Special Fields Reading List.*

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**Special Fields Rationale**

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**Brief rationale for Special Fields Reading List (max. 250 words):**

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**Special Fields Reading List**

* For what counts as a “text,” see [Description of Special Fields Exam and Timeline for Thesis Proposal, Reading List, and Special Fields Examination](https://www.english.utoronto.ca/sites/www.english.utoronto.ca/files/Description%20of%20Special%20Fields%20Exam.pdf).
* Please distinguish between major and minor field lists.
* Number each entry.
* At the end, provide a total count of texts for each list and a combined total for the entire list.

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