South Dakota State University English Department

M.A. in English

# Creative Thesis Proposal Form

**Instructions for student: Please type the required information directly into the proposal form. The proposal should be three to five pages in length, not including the creative writing sample (see length guidelines below).**

Name: ID Number: Mailing Address: Phone Number: E-Mail Address:

M.A. Emphasis (Literature/Rhetoric and Writing):

Thesis Director:

Additional Committee Members:

**I. Title**

**Provide the anticipated title of the thesis. The title should be both specific and concise and should indicate the work you are undertaking.**

**II. The Creative Work**

**Explain in detail the creative work you will be doing and the literary genre or form in which you will be writing.**

**III. Review of Mentor Texts**

**Describe in detail the mentor texts that you have read that have inspired and/or shaped your creative work.**

**IV. Draft(s)**

**Provide approximately fifteen pages of creative work (if prose) and eight pages (if poetry) that exemplify what you intend to do in your thesis project.**

**V. Annotated Bibliography**

**Provide an annotated bibliography of the sources you think will guide the writing of your creative thesis. The annotation should be two-three sentences that explain the source’s relationship to your creative work. Books/resources discussed previously in the mentor texts section do not require further annotation.**

**VI. Thesis Committee Approvals**

**The student’s thesis committee, consisting of the thesis director and two additional English department faculty members, is responsible for the critical review of this proposal. All committee members must sign below to indicate their approval. In no instance may this section be completed before the completion of sections I-V above.**

Thesis Director:

(Signature) (Date)

Committee Member:

(Signature) (Date)

Committee Member:

(Signature) (Date)

Graduate Faculty Representative:

(Signature) (Date)

**NOTE: After the committee has approved the proposal, please submit a clean copy of the proposal with the signatures of the committee included to the English Department Graduate Coordinator.**