



EARLHAM  
SCHOOL of RELIGION

# M.A. Application for Degree Candidacy

Area of Emphasis \_\_\_\_\_

The student must attach to this proposal a 6,000 word research paper that demonstrates the basic skills necessary for doing a M.A. Thesis. The paper must include the instructor's evaluative comments.

A. Language or Research Skill

\_\_\_\_\_  
(specify language, skill, or none required)

Date passed or proposal for satisfying: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Advanced Courses in Area of Emphasis

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Thesis Type (check one)

Traditional Thesis \_\_\_\_\_ or Three-paper option \_\_\_\_\_

1. Option #1: Traditional Thesis

a. Topic \_\_\_\_\_

b. On a separate page, please write a concise statement of your objective, plan of implementation, and basic research resources (a preliminary bibliography).

2. Option #2: Three Paper Option

a. General Topic \_\_\_\_\_

b. Additional Courses to Contextualize Research; Research Papers

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Term taken or planned  
\*Research paper: \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Term taken or planned  
\*Research paper: \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Term taken or planned  
\*Research paper: \_\_\_\_\_

\*For each paper, please write, on a separate page, a concise statement of your objective and your plan of implementation, including basic research resources.

3. Expected Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

4. Suggestions for M.A. Guidance Committee

1) Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

2) Reader \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Signature Date

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Faculty Approval Date

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Chairperson, M.A. Guidance Committee Date

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Reader, M.A. Guidance Committee Date