

## **Junior Paper Advising Form Fundamentals: Issues and Texts**

Dear Faculty Member,

What follows is a rationale for and responsibilities of the Junior Paper in the Fundamentals program. In writing their Junior Paper, students are expected to originate and formulate a serious inquiry into an issue arising from their study of a particular text. The paper is expected to be between 22 and 25 pages in length and typically treats a single text, although students may petition to write about two texts. In general, secondary literature is not consulted in the Fundamentals Junior Paper. At every stage of writing, students are expected to work closely with their faculty adviser. Students must complete the Junior Paper to successfully finish the Fundamentals program.

### **Deadlines for Students Writing in the Winter Quarter**

- A written proposal, approved by the Junior Paper Adviser, and the second page of this form are due on **Friday of Week 10 of the Autumn Quarter**.
- Students must enroll in FNDL 29901: Junior Paper for the **Winter Quarter**.
- A strong first draft of the paper is due to the Junior Paper Adviser and the Fundamentals Program Coordinator (Canvas) by **Monday of Week 7 of the Winter Quarter**.
- The final draft is due to the Junior Paper Adviser and the Fundamentals Program Coordinator (Canvas) at the end of the Reading Period, by **Tuesday of Week 10 of the Winter Quarter**. When submitting the final draft to the Junior Paper Adviser, a copy of the JP Evaluation Form should also be included.
- The Junior Paper Adviser will send their evaluation to the Fundamentals Program by the end of the quarter at [fundamentals@uchicago.edu](mailto:fundamentals@uchicago.edu).

The department recommends that students meet with their advisers at least once every two weeks as they are writing their papers. Advisers may, of course, add to or alter the deadlines as they pertain to their relationship to the student, so long as the final paper can be submitted by the end of the Reading Period, so by Tuesday of Week 10, Winter Quarter.

## **Approval of the Junior Paper Proposal**

By returning this form to the Fundamentals Program Coordinator, the student acknowledges that the Junior Paper is required for successful completion of the Fundamentals major. The student has seen the relevant due dates for the project and agrees to do their best to meet them. Any exceptions must be discussed and agreed upon through close communication with their Junior Paper Adviser and the Fundamentals Program Coordinator. Students are required to actively participate in the Junior Paper Seminar and may not schedule any other courses or obligations during this time.

### **To be completed by the student:**

Student's name:

Junior Paper text:

U of C course in which the text was studied:

Faculty member with whom text was studied:

Quarter in which Junior Paper will be written:

*If you have received permission to write in a quarter other than Winter, please attach proof.*

### **To be completed by the Adviser:**

The student named above has submitted to me a proposal for their Junior Paper and we have discussed the project. We have also discussed my expectations of our advisor/advisee relationship, including how often we will meet and how the student should prepare for those meetings. I have shared my expectations for the paper and given suggestions for the writing process and content. By my signature, I confirm that the proposed project is feasible within the allotted time frame, and I commit to working closely with the student to meet deadlines and ensure the production of quality work. I also agree to read the final paper upon submission and provide an evaluation to the Fundamentals Program Coordinator before the grade submission deadline. I understand that these comments may be shared with members of the Fundamentals faculty and staff, but they will not be shared with the student without my express consent.

Advisor's name:

Advisor's signature:

Date: