



**Petition to take a 400-level course as a PhD Student**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor: \_\_\_\_\_

Keeping in mind that 400-level courses are fundamentally aimed at upper-level undergraduates – and, therefore, that their intellectual premise, theoretical scope, and level of in-class discussion are, by definition, not likely to prove an ideal fit for a doctoral candidate – please articulate why the advantages of taking this particular course might still outweigh the disadvantages of taking one fewer 500-level seminar.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of DGS: \_\_\_\_\_