CONFERENCE PAPER

The Conference Paper must be no longer than 10 double-spaced pages.

The student must include an actual Call For Papers [CFP] from a recent or upcoming academic conference, and write the Conference Paper as if for this particular conference. The form of address and rhetorical stance taken in the Conference Paper should be appropriate for the imagined audience.

The student must include a 200-word abstract of the Conference Paper.

Students can fulfill some of the First Exam’s comprehensive stipulations in the Conference Paper by discussing one or more texts from different centuries, from the pre-1800 or post-1800 periods, or from different national traditions.

In the Fall, the English Program will sponsor a mini-conference or conferences at which students who have just taken the First Exam will have the chance to deliver the Conference Paper. Alternatively, English Program Area Groups will be invited to hold some form of event or mini-conference at which First Exam Conference Papers representing a particular field might be delivered. Delivering the Conference Papers will contribute to professional development, as productive feedback can be provided about effective presentation strategies.