**COMMITTEE ON DEGREES IN SOCIAL STUDIES**

**Sophomore Application for Admission, Fall 2015**

***Due Friday, October 16th at 2 p.m.***

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**COURSES TAKEN: PLEASE LIST COURSE NUMBER, COURSE TITLE, GRADE, AND INSTRUCTOR’S NAME**

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1. Which course(s) interested you most and why?

2. What are your extracurricular interests?

3. If you were not going to concentrate in Social Studies, what concentration would you choose?

4. Create a possible focus field for yourself in Social Studies, following the guidelines provided in the “concentration requirements” section of the Social Studies website. Give your focus field a title, along the lines of the sample focus fields listed on our website (<http://socialstudies.fas.harvard.edu/focus-field-plan-study>) and create a plan of study. Include at least four courses, drawn from at least two departments (in the social sciences, history, or continental philosophy), and include at least one course on an historical topic. In 2-3 paragraphs (no longer than 1 page, typed, double-spaced), explain why this focus field interests you and why you would want to follow this plan in Social Studies as opposed to another department. Attach your plan of study to your application. (Please note that you do NOT need to complete the official Focus Field and Plan of Study form, which means you do NOT need a signature from your academic advisor.)

5. Enclose a paper no longer than 5-10 pages, double-spaced, examining a topic in the social sciences, history, or philosophy. *Ideally, this paper will be one that you wrote for a Harvard social science, history, or philosophy course or for an expository writing course on a topic in the social sciences, history, or philosophy*. If you have not written an appropriate paper of this length at Harvard, you can use one that you wrote in high school. Please attach, on a separate piece of paper at the beginning of the paper, the question that you are answering. If you are using a paper that you have already turned in for course credit, it is fine to edit it first.

6. Please attach a current transcript to your application that includes Harvard’s calculation of your GPA.