

APPLICATION FOR DIRECTED STUDY (GRS LX 951/952)

Description of a Directed Study

A Directed Study is a course in which a student pursues independent research under the guidance of a faculty member. A student may choose to undertake a Directed Study for the following reasons: 1) to pursue in depth an area covered more generally in a course, 2) to explore a topic not normally covered in the curriculum, or 3) to prepare an independent research project such as a Qualifying Paper (etc.) under faculty guidance. In all cases, it is the student's responsibility to identify the topic and to acquire enough information to ensure its worthiness for independent research.

Creating a Directed Study Proposal: Student and Supervising Faculty Member

1. Identify key references (books, journal articles, or other sources) pertinent to the start of the project.

2. Arrange a meeting between the student and supervising faculty member. The design of a clear, explicit plan for the completion of the course is the main purpose of this initial conference. Topics to cover should include: supervision, a tentative plan for the research, including a list of references and assignments to be completed, and a schedule for regular meetings throughout the semester. The research project will normally culminate in a major paper or a series of papers.

*It is important to allow yourself ample time to create a thorough and academically rigorous proposal. You should begin thinking about your Directed Study during the semester **prior** to your anticipated registration. It is **not** recommended that you begin creating a proposal once the semester has already begun.*

Documenting a Directed Study within the Department

1. Please fill out the Directed Study application, on the next page; there are sections to be filled out by the student, and signatures confirming approval by the faculty member and the DGS are required.

2. The application must be submitted at least 2 days prior to the final day for adding a course. Please keep a copy of the application for yourself, and give one to your professor.

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GRADUATE DIRECTED STUDY APPLICATION

Date of application: _____ Semester of Directed Study: _____
(Must be no later than two days before the last day to add a class for the selected semester)

Supervising Faculty Member: _____

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Please list all **previous** Directed Studies taken. (Note: absolute limit of 12 credits)

Please answer the following questions on an attached sheet:

1. State clearly the objective, research plan, and rationale for this Directed Study course. Include a complete bibliography of readings to be completed. Attach extra pages if needed.
2. State concisely how this Directed Study course fits in with your overall academic program, in relation to both previous work and future goals.
3. Please provide a tentative schedule of meetings, texts to be read and discussed, and work to be completed. Include due dates for written or other work.

PART THREE: SIGNATURES

1. Student: _____ Date: _____

2. Supervising Faculty Member: _____ Date: _____

3. DGS or Program director: _____ Date: _____