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**PETITION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR M.A. and Ph.D. DIRECTED STUDY**

The form should be approved by the student's advisor, Directed Study course instructor, and Director of Graduate Studies.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banner ID: 00\_\_\_\_\_ Access ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-WSU Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Directed Study Course:

COM 7990: Directed Study-M.A.: \_\_\_\_ DR 7990: Directed Study-M.A.: \_\_\_\_ COM 7991: Directed Study-Ph.D.: \_\_\_\_

Directed Study Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Directed Study Number of Credits: \_\_\_\_\_ (the credits must match the course requirements)

Directed Study Credits Already Taken: \_\_\_\_ (maximum 6 credits are allowed)

Directed Study Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (as required by the Directed Study course instructor)

The following Directed Study course details are attached to this form (*checklist*):

Course Description, Objectives, and Learning Outcomes: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Assessments (e.g., papers, examination, oral presentation): \_\_\_\_\_

Course Reading List: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Semester Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note.* This completed and signed Directed Study petition must be accompanied by a filled and signed Course Override form (available from the Department main office) for COM 7990, DR 7990, or COM 7991

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Approvals:**

Advisor Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directed Study Instructor Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Graduate Studies Name and Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT, ADVISOR, AND DIRECTED STUDY COURSE INSTRUCTOR**

This form serves two purposes. First, it serves in lieu of a departmental course syllabus and is required under the principle that the University must keep a record of the work of each student in each course in graduate programs. Second, it affords a means whereby each student will receive appropriate permission for and assistance in planning a directed study.

A Directed Study course is generally authorized only for the advanced student who has an important area of knowledge and/or work that should be included in a graduate program, but cannot be provided through available courses. The advisor and Directed Study course instructor should authorize a directed study only if the time and assistance necessary to carry it to completion can be given to the student.

A Directed Study course should be authorized when the following criteria are fulfilled:

1. The directed study must be related to student's major field, and be a significant body of knowledge and/or work relevant to the student's degree program, purpose, and objectives.
2. The directed study must be at an advanced academic or professional level and it must not duplicate work in any course previously taken or to be available while the student is earning a degree.