

General Student Information

Student Name:

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E-mail Address:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Please consult the rules for the approval of proposed directed research projects at <http://washburnlaw.edu/policies/directedresearchstandands.html>. **Before completing this form, students should spend approximately 4-6 hours conducting background research on the proposed research topic, provide a written synopsis of that research to the supervising faculty member, and discuss the scope, approach, preliminary thesis, and project schedule with the supervising faculty member.**

I wish to register for a directed research project under the supervision of Professor _____
 This project will be completed during the _____ 20_____ semester.

Student Signature/Date

Supervising Faculty Signature /Date

Approved for _____ credit hours:

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs/Date

Information About Requested Directed Research Course

Number of Credit Hours (check the applicable box) <i>As a general rule, students must record at least 43 hours of work for each credit hour requested. A time sheet must be submitted to your supervising faculty member along with the final draft of the project.</i>		
1 Credit	Projects that report only to describe the existing law on a particular project will qualify for no more than one hour of credit.	
2 Credits	To qualify for two credits, the project must be analytical and result in a project comparable to the drafting of a law journal quality paper.	
3 Credits	Directed research projects for three credit hours will be approved rarely and only for work by the student that substantially exceeds that required for most two-credit directed research projects.	

Requested Directed Research Course (check the applicable box)			
Law 763 Directed Research – Any Topic		Law 864 Directed Study in Complex Litigation	
Law 884 Directed Research: Advanced Topics in Workplace Law		Law 826 Independent Readings in Natural Resources Law	
Law 970 Directed Research: Veterans Claims		Law 969 Independent Study in Oil & Gas Law	

Is this project being used to satisfy the School of Law’s upper level writing requirement? (Yes or No)

Is this project being used to satisfy a certificate writing requirement? If yes, which certificate?

Basic Deadlines for Requested Directed Research Course

Directed Research projects must be closely supervised by a faculty member on a regular basis. Proposals that do not include at least the following dates will not be approved.

Project Meeting/Deliverable	Proposed Date
Topic outline due to supervising professor	
Meeting to review topic outline to determine scope of research	
Annotated outline due to supervising professor	
Meeting to discuss annotated outline with an eye towards additional research requirements	
Rough draft of project due	
Meeting to review and discuss rough draft with supervising professor	
Final project due (generally one week before finals)	

Proposed Directed Research Project (Attach an additional page if you need more room)

Briefly describe the working thesis for the project (2-credit projects will need a well-defined thesis for approval).

Briefly describe why you are proposing this project.

Describe your goals for this project (include what will be produced and the anticipated scope of the work).

If you have taken or are currently taking a class in the subject area, or you have undertaken prior research on this topic in any context, describe how this project will extensively explore facets of the topic not discussed in class or not covered by the prior research.