

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC – McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW
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DIRECTED RESEARCH REQUEST FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Student and faculty member must complete the applicable sections.
Student must submit completed form to the Registrar's Office to transact a change of schedule. PLEASE NOTE: Directed Research is a comprehensive individual research project under supervision of a faculty member resulting in a scholarly paper. Topic and unit credit must be approved in advance.

Name _____ Student ID (988/989) No. _____

PRINT your name: Last, First, Middle

Phone # _____

PRINT your address: Street, City, Zip

Cell or Res. # _____

Circle One: D1 D2 D3 E1 E2 E3 E4 LLM JSD UNCL MSL MPA MPP

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

I hereby petition to enroll in a

☐ one P/NC unit (J.D.)

☐ two P/NC units (J.D.)

☐ one letter-graded unit (GR)

☐ two letter-graded units (GR)

☐ three letter-graded units (GR)

☐ three letter-graded units (PUB)

☐ three P/NC units (PUB)

Directed Research during the ☐ Fall 20____ ☐ Spring 20____ ☐ Summer 20____

to be supervised by Prof. _____

FACULTY INFORMATION:

Describe content briefly: _____

I agree to supervise this Directed Research project for:

☐ one P/NC unit (J.D.)

☐ two P/NC units (J.D.)

☐ one letter-graded unit (GR)

☐ two letter-graded units (GR)

☐ three letter-graded units (GR)

☐ three letter-graded units (PUB)

☐ three P/NC units (PUB)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Faculty

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Dean of Students (if after add/drop period)

Requirements for J.D. Level Directed Research

Directed Research provides the opportunity for J.D. students to engage in a comprehensive individual research project under the supervision of a full-time faculty member. The work product may take the form of a scholarly paper, empirical study, analysis of topical readings, or other creative format that demonstrates in-depth legal research and original analysis.

1. Advance approval of the research topic and unit credit is required. A student must submit a detailed written proposal of the research topic and obtain approval from a full-time faculty member willing to supervise the student's research. The proposal and a completed "Directed Research Request Form" (available from the Registrar's Office) must then be submitted to the Registrar prior to the end of the registration period for the term in which the student intends to enroll in Directed Research.
2. Directed Research must be supervised by a full-time faculty member on a regular basis. Specifics regarding supervision of the course are left to the supervising faculty member, but the general expectation is that the student will provide an outline and draft of the project at established deadlines, and the faculty member will provide regular feedback to the student.
3. A student may enroll for either 1 or 2 ungraded credit units (Honors/Pass/Low Pass/Unsatisfactory/Fail) for Directed Research. A student is expected to put in at least 50 hours of work for each credit hour. If the resulting work product is a paper, as a general rule, the student should produce a paper of approximately 20 pages in length for 1 unit of credit or 40 pages in length for 2 units of credit.
4. A student is not permitted to receive credit for Directed Research for a project produced for the student's employer or for any other law school course or activity.

Requirements for Graduate Level Directed Research

1. Advance approval of the research topic and unit credit is required. A student must submit a detailed written proposal of the research topic and obtain approval from a full-time faculty member willing to supervise the student's research. The proposal and a completed "Directed Research Request Form" (available from the Registrar's Office) must then be submitted to the Registrar prior to the end of the registration period for the term in which the student intends to enroll in Directed Research.
2. Directed Research must be supervised by a full-time faculty member on a regular basis. Specifics regarding supervision of the course are left to the supervising faculty member, but the general expectation is that the student will provide an outline and draft of the project at established deadlines, and the faculty member will provide regular feedback to the student.
3. A student may enroll for either 1 to 3 graded credit units for Directed Research. A student is expected to put in at least 50 hours of work for each credit hour. If the resulting work product is a paper, as a general rule, the student should produce a paper of approximately 20 pages in length for 1 unit of credit or 40 pages in length for 2 units of credit.
4. A student is not permitted to receive credit for Directed Research for a project produced for the student's employer or for any other law school course or activity.