Directed Research Petition

- Request to receive credit for Directed Research upon approval from the Petitions Committee.
- Complete sections 1 through 5 below and obtain approval signature from Law School Faculty Member.
- Return completed petition to the Office of the Registrar, Room 100, Stanford Law School, 559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford, CA 94305-8610.
- If you have any questions, contact the SLS Registrar’s Office at 650.723.0994 or email registrar@law.stanford.edu.

1. **Student Information: Fill in the following (please print):**

   Law Students: 1L (NOT eligible) □ 2L □ 3L □ J.S.D. □ J.S.M. □ L.L.M. □ M.L.S. □ Non-Matric

   Name (Last, First) __________________________________________ ID#___________________

   E-Mail______________________________________________Phone__________________________

2. **Course Information (answer 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g below):**

   2a) Is the project a Directed Research: Curricular Development project? □ Yes □ No

   2b) Print name of Law School Faculty Member supervising this project ______________________________

   **Units.** Students may receive either 1-4 units of credit for a project. If it warrants more than 4 units it should be considered as a Senior Thesis or Research Track. See petition for Senior Thesis or Research Track.

   2c) How many units is this Directed Research project (1, 2, 3, or 4)? ______

   2d) What quarter & year are you taking this project? □ Autumn □ Winter □ Spring Acad. Year: ______

   **Grading Option.** A Directed Research project can be graded on the H/P/R/F or Mandatory P/R/F system. A student cannot receive a grade on the H/P/R/F system for more than eight units of independent research (Directed Research, Senior Thesis, Directed Writing, and/or Research Track). Any units taken in excess of eight will be graded on a Mandatory P/R/F system.

   2e) What grading option is this project? □ H/P/R/F or □ Mandatory P/R/F

   **Writing credit.** With the approval of the instructor, successful completion of a directed research project of two-units or more may satisfy the JD writing requirement to the extent of one research writing course (R course).

   2f) Has the instructor approved this project for Writing (designated as Research) Credit? □ Yes or □ No

   2g) Has the instructor chosen to opt out of the automatic grading penalty system for late papers? □ Yes or □ No

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3. Students may not count more than a combined total of eight units of directed research projects and policy lab practica toward graduation unless the additional counted units are approved in advance by the Petitions Committee. Such approval will be granted only for good cause shown. Even in the case of a successful petition for additional units, a student cannot receive a letter grade for more than eight units of independent research (Policy Lab practicum, Directed Research, Senior Thesis, and/or Research Track). Any units taken in excess of eight will be graded on a mandatory pass basis. For detailed information, see “Directed Research/Policy Labs” in the SLS Student Handbook.

3a) How many units have you taken of directed research and/or policy lab practica combined? __________

**Important Reminder:** In accordance with ABA accreditation standards, JD students may not count toward the JD graduation requirement more than thirty-one (31) quarter units of the following types of coursework: externships, directed research, practica, policy labs, senior thesis, research track, courses taken outside the Law School, and moot court (Kirkwood competition).

4. On a separate sheet of paper (typed), please complete 4a, 4b, and 4c below (label your answers 4a, 4b, & 4c):

   4a) Has this research or written work been, or will it be, used in connection with any other course or project? If yes, explain.

   4b) Describe, IN DETAIL, the research in which you will engage, the topic and nature of the written work you will submit.

   4c) How is the research likely to result in a significant scholarly contribution?

5. **Student Signature:**

   Signature ___________________________________________ Date ___________________

6. **LAW SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBER ACTION** (To be completed by Law School Faculty Member.):

   I have agreed to supervise the Directed Research project described in this petition.

   Signature ___________________________________________ Date ___________________

7. **Attention J.S.D., J.S.M. & L.L.M. students.**

   Print the name of your adviser ___________________________ and obtain approval signature below.

   Adviser Signature ______________________________________ Date _______________