

**PROPOSAL FOR DIRECTED RESEARCH (LAW 990)  
OR DIRECTED READING (LAW 991)**  
Law School Rule 3.13

Directed reading and directed research are governed primarily by Law School Rule 3.13. **Directed reading** is similar to a lecture course, and **directed research** similar to a seminar, but without necessarily the same number of scheduled meetings as a course/seminar. Directed research will result in the production of a research paper; a student's directed reading will be tested by some form of written work.

**CREDITS:** The credit standard for all directed study is met by an expectation of at least 45 hours of student engagement with the associated learning activities for each credit awarded, to include the student's time spent meeting with supervising faculty as well as the student's time spent reading, researching, doing assignments, writing, etc. (e.g. 2 credits should involve at least 90 hours of associated learning activities; 3 credits, 135 hours, etc.)

**NOTE:** no more than eight credits of directed reading and six credits of directed research can be applied to the 90 credits required for the J.D. degree. (Additionally, a single directed reading is limited to from 1 to 3 credits.) Regular letter grades are not authorized for directed research or directed reading; grading will be simply "satisfactory/unsatisfactory."

**DIRECTIONS:** To register, find a faculty member who will agree to supervise your work, then complete this form (both sides), have the faculty member review and sign it, and return the form to [academicaffairs@law.wisc.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@law.wisc.edu) or Room 5110A. Permission to enroll will be entered, a course call number assigned, and you will be emailed the call number. You then enroll using this call number.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.) Signature

Professor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print) Signature

UW Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ UW email: \_\_\_\_\_@wisc.edu

Semester (check one):  Fall  Spring  Summer

No. of credits: \_\_\_\_\_ (See 'credits' note above)

Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Project is (check one):  Directed Research – Law 990  Directed Reading – Law 991

Current Law Year (check one):  2L  3L

Date Proposal Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF PROJECT:

OBJECTIVES (include what will be produced and the anticipated scope of the written work):