

**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 (8) credits of directed reading and six (6) 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 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 or Room 5106A. Permission to enroll will be entered and you will be emailed enrollment instructions.

Student Name: _____
(Print) (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: _____ (No later than the end of the exam period for the selected semester.)

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: Describe the legal issue or question of law that you will address in your directed study project. For directed reading include a list of assigned readings. For directed research describe research methodologies and resources.

OBJECTIVES: Explain what will be produced (research paper, response paper, etc.) and describe the anticipated scope of the written work (number of pages, whether it will be published, etc.). Briefly explain how the project work (including research/reading time, meetings, writing) will meet the hours required for your enrolled credits.