



DIRECTED RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION FORM
ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

DIRECTIONS TO STUDENT:

1. Read Page 2 of this form. (Note: All Directed Research requests are subject to the approval of the Associate Dean, Graduate Programs).
2. Complete Section 1 in full.
3. Have your instructor complete Section 2. (Note: The instructor must be a regular faculty member, not an Adjunct Professor).
4. Complete Section 3.
5. Check your current registration to ensure that you have enough credits available to add the Directed Research course.
6. Submit the completed form by the dates noted below.

SECTION 1: To be completed by the student.

Date: _____ Name: _____

UBC Student #: _____ Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Program (LLM, PhD, LLMCL, LLMT): _____

SECTION 2: To be completed by the instructor.

Topic: _____

Term of Study: Fall(1) Spring(2) Two Terms (Sept - April) / No. of Credits: 2 3 4

Instructor Name: _____ Instructor Signature: _____

SECTION 3: To be completed by the student and the instructor.

Attach a separate page and in 250 words describe your topic in greater detail.

Completed form and 250 word description must be received by the Allard School of Law no later than:

September 14, 2023 – Fall Term and Two Term Courses
January 16, 2024 – Spring Term Courses

Send your completed form, separate page and justification/reasoning as a PDF by e-mail to:
Joanne Chung jchung@allard.ubc.ca (LLM, PhD); Tania Astorino astorino@allard.ubc.ca (LLMCL, LLMT)

<u>Office Use Only</u>	
Year/Session: _____	Grade: _____
Course Number: _____	Grade Entered: ____/____/____
Entered SIS: <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments: _____
Entered Access: <input type="checkbox"/>	

PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW GUIDELINES FOR DIRECTED RESEARCH COURSES

Directed Research courses offer students with an opportunity to do extensive research and writing on a topic of their choice.

In order to register in a Directed Research, the student and supervising instructor (who must be a regular faculty member, not an Adjunct Professor) must complete and return a Directed Research Authorization Form.

Subject to the approval of the Associate Dean, Graduate Programs, graduate students may enroll in Directed Research courses of 2, 3, or 4 credits. Most one-term Directed Research Projects are 3 credits. Students seeking approval for a 4 credit project should provide an explanation of why the project requires 4 credits.

The Peter A. Allard School of Law will apply no more than 8 Directed Research credits towards the program requirements (effective September 2005). Students in the LLM and PhD programs should also consult with their thesis supervisors before applying to take a directed research project. Students in the LLM program are normally allowed to complete a maximum of 4 credits of the required 12 credits of coursework as directed research courses..

The supervising faculty member will set the requirements for the course, in consultation with the student before accepting the supervision. For the guidance of students and faculty members, the general expectations of directed study courses are:

- that the student and supervising faculty member will meet twice per month;
- that the student will provide the supervising faculty member with an outline and draft of the research paper at appropriate intervals;
- that the supervising faculty member will provide appropriate feedback; and
- that the final paper will be approximately 2500 words/credit (excluding bibliography).

Students may not receive Directed Research credit for work done as part of paid employment.

Faculty members are not obliged to take on Directed Research students.

Multiple Directed Research papers under the supervision of the same professor are not encouraged.