

WINEBRENNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Findlay, Ohio

APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

PROCEDURE: Independent research courses involve in-depth investigations or other kinds of extensive projects undertaken by individual students in consultation with a faculty member. An independent research course does not duplicate the essential content of any course regularly offered in a classroom setting, but provides opportunity for students who have demonstrated the capability to go beyond the seminary's regular course offerings, in both depth and scope.

A student may earn no more than 6 hours of credit in independent research (excluding ITS courses). Since these courses involve advanced academic work, it is recommended that foundational courses in a department be taken first, which is usually after completing 30 credits.

Students interested in pursuing an independent research course will utilize the following procedures: 1) The student submits an independent research course prospectus to the registrar; 2) Upon approval by the academic dean, the student completes an Application for Independent Research form; 3) The student develops a "learning contract" delineated on the Application for Independent Research form with a faculty member who is assigned by the academic dean and competent in the field to be studied; 4) The completed Application for Independent Research form is reviewed by the academic dean and registrar. If approved, the student may proceed with the research project. The assigned faculty member will serve as advisor and final evaluator of the student's work on the project. The completion deadline for the research project is the end of the trimester.

Name of Student _____
(last) (first) (middle)

Date _____

Term _____ Year _____

Department _____ Course Number _____

Course Title _____

Credit Hours _____ Instructor Assigned _____

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WITH THE INSTRUCTOR:

Goals of the Course

Procedures and Deadlines for Study

Student Responsibilities

Instructor's Responsibilities

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Instructor Date

Signatures required below if approved:

Dean of Seminary Date

Registrar of Seminary Date

Deadline for submitting work: _____
(or later as may be appropriate based on learning contract developed with instructor)

DISTRIBUTION:

Retain original in student file

Copies: Student
Instructor
Independent Research File