READING OR RESEARCH COURSE PETITION

Advanced students in Divinity School degree programs (AMRS, MA, MDiv, and PhD) may make arrangements with a member of the Divinity School faculty for one of two types of Special Courses in Divinity:

- **Reading Courses (DVSC 45100)** allow students to craft a bibliography for advanced study in a particular topic in consultation with the sponsoring faculty member. Typically, students meet with the instructor of record according to a mutually agreed upon schedule to work through the texts in the bibliography.
- **Research (or Independent Study) Courses (DVSC 50100)** enable students to pursue formal individualized work under the direction of a member of the Divinity School faculty. Typically, students produce the equivalent of a seminar paper on the topic identified for the course.

Reading and research courses are intended to supplement regular course offerings, not to duplicate them. Students should have taken at least one course with the faculty member of record for the petition to be eligible for a Reading or Research Course.

**Procedures:**
1. Print and complete this form, securing the support of the sponsoring faculty member.
2. Attach a bibliography for the course, stipulating any additional work (e.g., a seminar) to be completed.
3. Submit the completed form to the Dean of Students for approval (Swift 104) no later than the end of the third week of the quarter in which you will register for the reading/research course.

Name: ___________________________________________  UCID#: __________________

Degree Program: ___________  Email: ______________________________________________

I petition to do a reading/research course with ___________________________________________

in ___________ Quarter, 20__________, on the following topic:

__________________________________________________________

Type of course:  
- Reading (DVSC 45100)  
- Research (DVSC 50100)

I attach a bibliography of readings for the course and an account of any additional work to completed.

Signature: ______________________________  Date: ___________

Professor’s signature: ______________________________  Date: ___________

DOS signature: ______________________________  Date: ___________

Approved  
Not Approved