

**University of Louisville
Humanities Master of Arts Program**

Directed Study Project Advisory Committee Form
Instructions are located on back of form.

Student Name _____ Date: _____

Student ID# _____

Master of Arts Degrees in Humanities (check one)

____ Interdisciplinary Humanities Concentration

____ Linguistics and the Humanities Concentration

____ Public Humanities

Directed Study Project Title

Proposed Committee Members

Name	Department	Signature Agreement
1. _____ Director	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

Committee: The above-named faculty members are appointed to act as the Advisory Committee for the student.

Director of Graduate Studies

Date

Directed Study Project Guidelines

The MA Directed Study Project is a practical alternative to the MA Thesis. Like the thesis, it is a culminating research project for the degree. The research for the DSP is not as extensive as the research that is necessary for the thesis. The Directed Study Project Guidance hours are 3 credits (HUM 655). All students in the Humanities and Civic Leadership and Linguistics and Humanities concentrations are required to pursue the Non-Thesis option.

Like the thesis, it is an interdisciplinary product that bridges the two disciplines (or a discipline and an era) of a student's MA program, but the DSP is meant to address a research question that has practical application.

The final product usually consists of a narrative that describes the research question, your answer to that question, and its practical application (25 pages or more, depending on the topic), an annotated bibliography of sources, and a demonstration or presentation of the product (giving a power-point lecture, engaging in a performance, teaching a segment of a syllabus, or producing workshop materials, for example). The audience for the presentation includes the Director of the DSP and a minimum of two other faculty members who serve as members of the DSP Committee, and may include others.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The entire committee must see a draft of the entire project at least one month before the defense. See suggested calendar below for guidance.

Directed Study Project Calendar

Week 1:

Prepare the prospectus (2 – 3 pages) under the guidance of your project director. In consultation with the director, after the director approves the project, select two other faculty members to serve on the Directed Study Advisory Committee.

Complete the Directed Study Advisory Committee Form and have each member sign it for approval. Then get the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. One copy of the form should be housed with the Project Director until completion of the project with a second copy filed in the student's file in the Graduate Studies Office.

Even though the Directed Study Project requires you to work closely with one faculty member, the defense involves a committee. The Committee must receive a draft of the DSP at

Week 2-9:

Meet with DSP Director in bi-weekly meetings.

By Week 10:

Submit a draft of the Narrative and Annotated Bibliography to the DSP Director for review, and make suggested revisions.

Weeks 10-12:

Submit copies of the revised Directed Study Project Narrative and Annotated Bibliography to **your entire committee** for review and make the suggested revisions.

With the DSP Director and Committee, schedule the presentation (and discussion session), at least three weeks before graduation.

Week 14:

Provide a formal final copy of the Directed Study Project to all members of the committee.

NOTA BENE: You must be enrolled in a course or in MAST 600 in the semester in which you plan to graduate. In addition, you must apply for the degree by the posted Degree Date on the academic calendar.