



# GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER GRADUATE INDEPENDENT RESEARCH (GIR) FORM

2 credits

3 credits

**Deadlines:** Your application is due no later than the first day of class of the semester in which you plan to undertake the GIR.

1. **Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Expected Date of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GOCard #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone (h):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone (w):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LL.M. Area of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Written Proposal:** A research proposal must be attached to this form. The research proposal should be no more than one page long and should describe the scope of the chosen topic and why you think this scholarly work is unique. GIR topics will only be approved if they are unavailable as a class option in the graduate program.

### 3. Faculty/Student Research Program Schedule

- a. Meeting to discuss preliminary schedule \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **Outline due** \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Call or meeting to discuss outline \_\_\_\_\_
- d. **First draft due** \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Draft returned to student with comments \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Meeting to discuss professor's comments on first draft \_\_\_\_\_
- g. **Minimum 25 page final paper due** (submit to Registrar)\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*This date should be the date set in the academic calendar. Please see the Registrar's website for more information: [www.law.georgetown.edu/registrar/papers.htm](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/registrar/papers.htm).

**NOTE:** Foreign students should note that the New York Bar rules do not count credits earned in an independent research towards the credits required to be eligible to sit for the New York bar examination. This rule applies to all civil law-trained students and *some* common law-educated students. See the New York Bar rules: <http://www.nybarexam.org/Foreign/ForeignLegalEducation.htm>.

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**Professor's Printed Name**                      **Professor's Signature/Approval**                      **Professor's Phone #**                      **Date**

4. **Registration Information** – Semester and year you will be enrolled for GIR credit:  
[ ] Fall \_\_\_\_\_                      [ ] Spring \_\_\_\_\_                      [ ] Summer \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROVAL OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS ACADEMIC ADVISOR

[ ] Proposal Approved                      [ ] Proposal Declined                      Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Academic Advisor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution of this form:    [ ] Original to Office of the Registrar                      Date \_\_\_\_\_  
    [ ] Copy to Professor    Date \_\_\_\_\_  
    [ ] Copy to Student     Date \_\_\_\_\_  
    [ ] Copy to Graduate Academic Services                      Date \_\_\_\_\_