

REL 800 Directed Study in Religion
Approval Form

In-depth study in a subject not available through normal classroom courses may be pursued with the appropriate graduate faculty member through courses designated as Readings (Religious Studies 800). The total number of credits taken in Readings (Religious Studies 800) and Thesis (Religious Studies 899) combined may not exceed ten (10) hours except when the excess over ten hours is added to the total number of hours required for the degree. A readings course is not to be used as a substitute for a regular course available during the student's planned program of study.

Name _____ Semester _____

Title of Study _____ Area _____

Instructor _____ No. of Credit hours _____

In order to count toward the Master of Arts degree, a REL 800 course must receive approval from the Committee on Studies at least two weeks prior to the student's enrollment in the course. The student should submit to the Committee on Studies a proposal for the readings course that includes:

1. A brief statement on the nature (e.g., contents, requirements) of the readings course
2. A preliminary bibliography;
3. An academic rationale for the readings course, including an explanation of how the readings course fits into the student's overall program of study, and
4. The endorsement of the instructor (and adviser, if different).

Student Signature _____

Faculty Signature _____

Adviser Signature (if different) _____

Approved by Committee on Studies: Signature _____ date _____