



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ELECT**  
**For Political Science Graduate Students: Directed Readings,**  
**Independent Study, and Field Experiences**

**Please check one course (use a separate form to elect each course):**

- 5980  Studies in Political Science (Directed Readings) 1-4 hours
- 7100  Independent Research 2-6 hours
- 7120  Professional Field Experience 2-12 hours

**Please indicate your plan for enrolling in the course:**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Program:  MA  MDA  PhD

Description of Study (including methodology, if research or description of field experience [including names of site and supervisor]):

**Print, then sign below. Have the faculty member who will supervise your work sign below. Then turn in to PSCI office.**

I understand that research involving human subjects must have prior approval of the research proposal by the appropriate University review body, thus assuring compliance with the regulations for the protection of such subjects or for the use of such materials. (See the reverse side of this form for the specific requirements.) In addition, I understand that The Graduate College will not approve any master's thesis, specialist project, or doctoral dissertation which does not comply with these requirements, and in that event no credit will be granted for the course.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervising Faculty Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Graduate Director      Date

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS**

All research conducted at Western Michigan University which involves human subjects is subject to the following requirements, as described in the Policies of Western Michigan University and mandated by federal and state requirements:

### Human Subjects

Any research involving contact with human research subjects must be approved in advance by WMU's Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (HSIRB). No research involving human subjects is exempt from review by the HSIRB. HSIRB application materials may be obtained from the Research Compliance Coordinator, 240W Walwood Hall (East Campus), phone (616) 387-8293.

HSIRB approval must be obtained prior to any contact with human subjects; the HSIRB will not review or give approval to any protocols in which contact with human subjects has already occurred.

*Additional information on research compliance and application forms are also available online at [www.wmich.edu/research](http://www.wmich.edu/research).*