

# Research Skill Petition Form

## GSU School of Film, Media & Theatre

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Only students enrolled in the GSU School of Film, Media & Theatre MA program are required to complete this form. Students are not permitted to complete and submit this form until after they have passed, with a grade of B or higher, both core courses in their degree track. For Moving Image Studies students those are **FLME 6155** (*Media Expression*) and **FLME 6020** (*Advanced Film Theory*). Moving Image Production students are also required to take **FLME 6135** (*Digital Cinematography*) and **FLME 6145** (*Digital Editing*) prior to submitting this form.

**The form must be completed before** a student defends the prospectus or (for students not doing the Coursework-intensive Option) submits the final research paper.

The purpose of this form is to help assure that the research methods coursework you select contributes to a coherent program of study, and provides you with the specific competency necessary to undertake your Research Thesis or Creative Thesis project or to complete your research essay in the coursework-intensive track. Once you have completed this form and secured the approval signature of your advisor, submit one copy to the Graduate Director for approval and signature, and then submit to the Graduate Program Coordinator for later reference, when the student's degree program is audited at graduation. Make sure you are familiar with the research requirements of your degree program – consult the relevant portions of the *MA Handbook*.

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*Student Name | PantherID no.*

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*MA Degree Track*

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*Email Address (please print clearly)*

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*Daytime Phone Number*

**Check one:**

- Research Thesis
- Creative Thesis
- Coursework-Intensive Option

**Course # and course title proposed to certify research competency:**

**Brief Rationale for This Choice:** Explain how this/these course(s) specifically equip you to complete your envisioned Research Thesis/Creative Thesis project or (for those doing the Coursework-intensive Option), prepare you for your intended area of professional expertise.

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*Approved, Advisor of Research Thesis or Creative Thesis\**

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*DATE*

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*Approved, Graduate Director*

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*DATE*

*\*For students doing the coursework-intensive option, signature of the Graduate Director will suffice.*

**Submit form to the Graduate Program Coordinator prior to registering for FLME 6990 or 6995.**