

## IR/POSC 490 Directed Research Contract

Directed Research is an opportunity for students to study a topic in more depth than can be achieved in regular coursework under the supervision of a POIR faculty member. This course is expected to meet the same standards of rigor and contact hours as a regular course. Students should spend 3 hours/unit each week on assignments, research, and/or individual meetings with their faculty supervisor.

Select Term:            Fall 2026                      Spring 2027                      Summer 2027

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USC ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Advisor Confirmation

Students should consult with their academic advisor to confirm that a Directed Research fits with their course plan and making timely progress to degree. Directed Research may count for elective credit towards the major.

Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Research Proposal

Please include a syllabus created in consultation with the faculty supervisor. The syllabus should include:

- A summary of the proposed research and the deliverables expected (research paper, poster or conference presentation, etc.)
- Course requirements (meetings, readings, and deadlines for deliverables);
- A final summative experience during finals week.

Classes taken in this area of research:

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Other 490 courses taken, including faculty, term, and units:

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### 3. Supervising Faculty

Faculty agree to submit the final grade and Evaluation Form to the Program Specialist at least 48 hours prior to the grade submission deadline for the term.

Name:

Email:

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Signature:

Date:

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Submit this form to the Director of Undergraduate Studies in DMC 330 **no later than the end of the first week of classes**. If approved, D-Clearance will be issued and you will be notified which section to register for POSC or IR 490x.

**For Office Use Only**

**Director of Undergraduate Studies Approval**

Name:

Date:

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Signature: