



MAR Integrative Project (880) or Paper (881)

Name: _____ Date: _____ Box: _____

ID#: _____ PH#: _____

Course Number and Title*: _____

*Please include the *department* and a *self-created* course title for your project or paper (e.g. CE 880 – Youth Camp Curriculum Development).

Semester and Year (in which the course will be registered): _____

Student Signature: _____

Please give a 25 – 50 word summary of the project/paper, including its rationale and anticipated outcomes:

Obtaining Approval: The student must secure the signature of the MAR Director and the Project Supervisor before submitting this form to the Registration Office for final approval.

Approved by:

MAR Director Date

Project Supervisor Date

Registrar Date

cc: Academic Dean

For Registration Office Use:

Approved

Not Approved

Date of final approval: _____

Comments:

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What is an Integrative Project or Paper?

The integrative project is designed for a student to pursue a specific topic of interest by means of an experience-based study. The project should be built upon firm theoretical foundations obtained from previous courses in the discipline being studied. The project may include traditional learning modes, such as reading, but its primary focus should be on experiential learning.

The integrative paper is a major research paper undertaken to pursue an area of interest that has conceptually developed from work done in previous courses of study. By nature it also serves to demonstrate a student's research and writing abilities.

Each option is equivalent to one course credit.

Policies & procedures pertaining to Integrative Courses:

- ◆ **Before completion of their tenth course, the student is to submit a paper or project proposal to the MAR program director.** The director of the Master of Arts in Religion program serves as the initial contact for MAR students and is available to provide counsel and assistance in developing their programs and integrative paper/project proposals. When the proposal is completed, the director may also assist in selecting a project supervisor.
- ◆ **Upon approval by the MAR director, further permission is needed by the project supervisor and the registrar before the course can be registered.** To avoid problems, requests should be made early; they will not be accepted after the last day of the Drop/Add period.
- ◆ **Requests to have an instructor other than a GCTS faculty member oversee an integrative project or paper must be made in writing to the registrar and can either accompany or precede the course petition.** Such requests require approval by the appropriate division as well as the academic dean and, therefore, must be submitted no later than one month prior to the beginning of the semester.
- ◆ **Integrative paper/project courses are subject to all the policies, deadlines and procedures governing other 'standard' courses.** Such courses are, normally, only permitted during full semesters (Fall and Spring). Occasionally, special permission will be granted for a Summer Session course. In this case, the course will be registered in the last Summer session and students will have until the end of summer Session III to complete the coursework.
- ◆ **Upon completion of the course, the student is responsible for the following:** turning in paper/project to the project supervisor; making necessary revisions as suggested; providing the Registration Office with two unbound, finished copies of the integrative paper or project; signing Gordon-Conwell's *Copyright Release Form for Deposited Student Works*, as well as copyright release forms for vendors; and paying the appropriate binding fees.