



Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

# Th.M. Directed Study Course Petition



## ***What is a Directed Study Course?***

A Directed Study Course is course taken independently, under the supervision of a directing professor, researching a topic in which the student has interest.

## ***How do I set up my course requirements?***

Th.M. students must set up a meeting with their directing professor in order to negotiate course assignments. These assignments are subject to the Th.M. Program Director's approval.

## ***Policies pertaining to Directed Study Courses:***

- ◆ Directed Study Courses are subject to all the policies, deadlines and procedures governing other 'standard' courses.
- ◆ Students are required to meet with the directing professor within ten days of the beginning of the semester. It is the student's responsibility to initiate the first meeting.
- ◆ Directed Study Courses are normally only permitted during the Fall and Spring semesters. They may occasionally be permitted during the January and Full-Summer sessions by special permission. If a Directed Study course is approved for the Full-Summer, the course will be registered under Summer Session I but the student will have until the end of Summer Session III to complete the work.
- ◆ Requests to have an instructor other than a GCTS faculty member oversee a directed study course must be made in writing to the Registrar and can either accompany or precede the course petition. Such requests require approval of the appropriate division as well as the academic dean and, therefore, must be submitted at least one month before the beginning of the semester in which the course is to be registered.
- ◆ All Directed Study Courses require approval of the instructor, the Th.M. program director and the Registrar before they can be registered. *Be sure to give yourself enough time to negotiate course requirements and obtain the appropriate signatures. No directed study course petitions will be accepted after the add/drop period has ended.*