

## Concluding Exercise Approval Form

## Research Paper or Project

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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As an alternative to the concluding capstone essays or textual analysis, Saint Meinrad students enrolled in the Graduate Theology Program may request to complete a research paper or practical project/paper combination as a concluding exercise. The research paper must be 25-30 pages and the practical project/paper combination must, in the judgment of the faculty director, be equivalent to a 25-30 page research paper. To elect one of these options, the following prerequisites must be met at the time of enrollment in the concluding exercise:

* a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5;
* the successful completion (graded B+ or above) of at least one research paper, ideally from a Saint Meinrad course, of at least 3500 words, not including notes or bibliography, emailed to proposed faculty director and director of Graduate Theology Programs;
* identification and acceptance of a faculty member to be director and;
* a 500-700 word paper/project proposal approved by faculty director. (Please attach to this form.)

[ ]  *I have met the above requirements.*

##### Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Tentative Paper/Project Title*

[ ]  *I accept responsibility to direct the above paper/project.*

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*Faculty Director Signature*

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*Director of Graduate Theology Program Signature*

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**Requirements Met:**

[ ]  GPA at least 3.5

[ ]  Successful research paper of at least 12-15 pages

[ ]  Thesis proposal (approved by advisor) of between 500-750 words

Second Reader:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_