

Coursework Intensive Track (CIT)

Graduation Requirement: Research Paper Submission Guidelines

I. Rationale

The College of Arts & Sciences articulates the CIT research paper requirement in the Graduate Handbook <<http://www2.gsu.edu/~catalogs/2011-2012/graduate/>>:

"A non-thesis option is available in some departments. In lieu of the thesis, research competence must be demonstrated on the basis of a research paper or a creative project. A committee of at least three members of the faculty, of which the student's adviser will serve as chair, will pass on the acceptability of the paper or project. Two-thirds of the committee must indicate approval. This approval must be submitted in writing to the Office of Graduate Services by the appropriate deadline <www.cas.gsu.edu/graduation_requirements.html>."

II. Selecting a research paper

Your paper should be an excellent reflection of the research and writing skills you have acquired and refined during your degree program. To successfully complete the MA in Religious Studies, students must maintain a 3.2 GPA, and the quality of the paper you submit should meet or exceed this minimum standard. If you have questions about whether a paper meets or exceeds the Department's standard, please consult the instructor to whom you previously submitted the paper or the Director of Graduate Studies.

III. The submission process

To meet this requirement of the Masters in Religious Studies (CIT):

1. Download and fill out the "CIT Research Paper" form and print a clean hard copy of the paper you wish to submit as your writing example.
2. Give the form and the paper to the instructor for whose course you wrote the paper. Ask the instructor to review the paper and form and make a recommendation to the faculty committee regarding the paper's representation of graduate research and writing.
3. The instructor will submit the form, recommendation, and paper to the review committee.
4. The review committee will take the instructor's recommendation under advisement and make a recommendation regarding the student's preparedness for graduation.
5. The Director of Graduate Studies will contact the student regarding the committee's recommendation. The paper and form will be kept on (private) record in the student's departmental file.

CIT Research Paper

Student's name: _____ Panther ID: _____

Date of entry into program: _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____

GPA: _____

Paper title: _____

Course number & date: _____ Instructor: _____

100 word abstract:

Why does this paper best represent your graduate research and writing? (100-175 words)

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructor's recommendation regarding the paper's reflection of graduate research & writing (100-175 words)

Instructor's signature: _____ Date: _____