

**Research Skill Petition Form  
GSU Department of Communication**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Only students enrolled in the GSU Department of Communication M.A. program are required to complete this form. Students are not permitted to complete and submit this form until after they have passed, with a grade of B or higher, both core courses **COMM 6010** (*Issues and Perspectives in Communication*) and **COMM 6030** (*Research Methods in Communication*).

**The form must be completed before** a student defends his/her prospectus or (for students doing the Coursework-Intensive Option) submitting the final research paper.

The purpose of this form is to help assure that the research methods coursework you select contributes to a coherent program of study, and provides you with the specific competency necessary to undertake your Research Thesis or Creative Thesis project or to complete your research essay in the coursework-intensive track. Once you have completed this form and secured the approval signature of your advisor, submit one copy to the relevant Graduate Director for approval and signature, and then submit to the Administrative Specialist for later reference, when the student's degree program is audited at graduation. Make sure you are familiar with the research requirements of your degree program – consult the relevant portions of the *M.A. Handbook*.

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*Student name | Panther ID #.*

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*M.A. Degree Track/Concentration*

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*Email Address (please print clearly)*

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*Daytime Phone Number*

**Check one:**

- [        ] Research Thesis  
[        ] Creative Thesis  
[        ] Coursework-Intensive Option

**Course # and course title proposed to certify research competency:**

**Brief Rationale for This Choice: Explain how this/these course(s) specifically equip you to complete your envisioned Research Thesis/Creative Thesis project or (for those doing the Coursework-intensive Option), prepare you for your intended area of professional expertise.**

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*Approved, Advisor of Research Thesis or Creative Thesis\**

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*DATE*

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*Approved, Graduate Director in student's area*

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*DATE*

*\*For students doing the coursework-intensive option, signature of the Graduate Director will suffice.*

**Submit form to Ms. Tawanna Tookes as soon as possible, and prior to registering for COMM 6990.**