

# Request for Permission to take a Reading Course

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Complete this form and return it to Melanie Rubin by the first day of classes.

Reading courses are a good way to learn material which is not offered in regular departmental courses, but, especially for graduate students in their first two years of study, should be viewed as a last resort.

In no case will permission to take a reading course be granted until this form is filed, along with a one or two paragraph syllabus, prepared by the Instructor in consultation with you. This syllabus should include a list of books and articles which will be read, the goals of the course, and the method of evaluation which will be used (written exam, oral exam, essay, problem sets, ...).

A copy of the syllabus should also be emailed to `grad_dir@math.northwestern.edu`.

For students who have officially selected an advisor, permission will be granted if the students advisor approves of the syllabus. For other students, a meeting with the Director of Graduate Studies may be needed before permission is granted.

Your name

Title of course

Instructor

Quarter and academic year