George Mason University  
Graduate Course Approval/Inventory Form
Please complete this form and attach a copy of the syllabus for new courses. Forward it as an email attachment to the Secretary of the Graduate Council. A printed copy of the form with signatures should be brought to the Graduate Council Meeting. Complete the Coordinator Form on page 2, if changes in this course will affect other units.

Please indicate:  
_X_ NEW  
_____ MODIFY  
_____ DELETE

Local Unit: Public & International Affairs  
Graduate Council Approval Date:

Course Abbreviation:  JLCP  
Course Number:  799

Full Course Title: Master’s Thesis

Abbreviated Course Title (24 characters max.):  Master’s Thesis

Credit hours: 1-6  
Program of Record:

Repeatable for Credit?  
_X_ D=Yes, not within same term  
___ T=Yes, within the same term  
___ N=Cannot be repeated for credit

Activity Code (please indicate):  
___ Lecture (LEC)  
___ Lab (LAB)  
___ Recitation (RCT)  
___ Studio (STU)  
___ Internship (INT)  
___ Independent Study (IND)  
_X_ Seminar (SEM)

Catalog Credit Format 1-6:0:0  
Course Level:  
GF(500-600)  
GA(700+)  
_X_

Maximum Enrollment: 20  
For NEW courses, first term to be offered: Fall 2005

Prerequisites or corequisites: Submission and approval of thesis proposal.

Catalog Description (35 words or less)  
Please use catalog format and attach a copy of the syllabus for new courses:  JLCP 799 Master’s Thesis (1-6:0:0). Prerequisites: Submission and approval of thesis proposal. Research on an approved master’s thesis topic under the direction of a thesis committee with approval of the chair. Graded S/NC.

For MODIFIED or DELETED courses as appropriate:
Last term offered:  
Previous Course Abbreviation:  
Previous number:

Description of modification:

APPROVAL SIGNATURES:
Submitted by:  
email: smastrof@gmu.edu

Department/Program:  
Date:  

College Committee:  
Date:  

Graduate Council Representative:  
Date:  
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*Course Coordination Form*

**Approval from other units:**

Please list those units outside of your own who may be affected by this new, modified, or deleted course. Each of these units must approve this change prior to its being submitted to the Graduate Council for approval.

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Graduate Council approval: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________

Graduate Council representative: ______________________________________ Date: ____________

Provost Office representative: _______________________________ Date: ____________
Course Description

The writing and defense of a master’s thesis is required unless students are admitted to the JLCP program with a master’s degree or their petition to waive the writing of the master’s thesis is approved. This course offers credit for research on an approved master’s thesis topic under the direction of the student’s thesis committee with approval of the chair. The University Catalog provides details on master’s thesis requirements and prerequisites, which should be consulted well before planning for thesis research begins. The catalog also provides details on when and for how many credit hours students may register for this course. Students required to write a master’s thesis must register for a minimum of 3 credit hours, and a maximum of 6 credit hours may be counted toward the JLCP masters and doctorate degrees.

Prerequisites

The semester before enrolling in JLCP 799, the student must secure the approval of the master’s thesis proposal from committee members who are appointed by the coordinator of the JLCP Program after consultation with the student and the student’s thesis advisor.

Course Objectives and Learning Methods

The purpose of this course is to give the JLCP student experience in formulating an original research question and conducting original research. It is valuable preparation for the more extensive work of planning and writing a doctoral dissertation. The student should work closely with the thesis advisor to plan and conduct thesis research. It is the student’s responsibility to keep all committee members informed of the scope, plan, and progress of both the research and the thesis.

Requirements

Specific requirements for determining satisfactory completion of this course are to be established by the thesis advisor and other committee members. The Masters Thesis must be defended orally before a committee of three faculty, two of whom must be part of the JLCP program. All requirements must conform to University policies regarding the master’s thesis (see University Catalog). Students should consult the catalog and other university references to ensure that the thesis submitted conforms to University requirements.

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