

**Department of Ecosystem Science and Management
Texas A&M University**

Application for ESSM 485 Directed Studies Credit

The Department of Ecosystem Science and Management regards Directed Studies as an important supplement to a student's education that should be pursued in the manner in which that course was originally intended. That is, a student might take a course that truly inspires him/her to delve deeper into that subject matter area, normally in a subsequent semester and under the tutelage of the professor who taught the course. The student and professor then collaborate to design a Directed Studies course for one to three credit hours depending upon the length of time and depth of inquiry involved. The Directed Studies course is then graded in a manner deemed appropriate by the professor of record. To differentiate a Directed Studies course from simple work on a professor's research, the student pursuing Directed Studies cannot be paid for his/her effort. Finally, Directed Studies credit will not be awarded to students who have not properly applied for the credit before the course.

Name and UIN: _____ Major: _____

Number of credit hours completed thus far in your degree plan: _____

Professor of Record for 485: _____

Semester and approximate number of weeks and hours per week that this course will require:

Briefly describe the nature of the directed study that you will be performing:

Briefly describe how this course fits into your degree plan, including how it relates to your major in a professional capacity, and how it will help you achieve your future employment goals:

For Departmental completion

This application has been approved for _____ credit hours for the _____ semester

Associate Head for Undergraduate Programs

Date