



Petition to Waive GPA Requirement

M.Arch/M.S. Directed Research/Thesis

The Department of Architecture requires that all students seeking to register for directed research (the course taken the semester before thesis) have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher. By completing this form, you are requesting an exception to this policy. Note that exceptions are rare and considerations will be made based on the student's previous academic performance, written justification, proposed plan for thesis, and faculty support.

Students must complete this form and submit it to Graduate Programs Coordinator, Stacey Komendat (staceyga@buffalo.edu). In addition to this form, students must attach the following to the email:

- undergraduate transcript (unofficial)
- graduate transcript (unofficial)
- any additional material the student believes will help their case (letter of support from a potential thesis committee member, work completed relevant to thesis, etc.)

Student Name:

Graduate Program:

Date:

Person Number:

Email:

Current GPA:

Justification

Why do you believe an exception should be made?

Proposed Plan for Thesis

What is your idea for your thesis project? Do you have a faculty member who is willing to work with you?

After review of this petition and additional material, it was determined:

An exception will not be granted.

An exception will be granted and the student will be allowed to submit the proposed directed research form with committee signature.

Signature of Graduate Program Director: _____

Date: _____