

# Certificate of Research Option Approval

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## A. Required Coursework

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Course	Credit Hours	Semester/Year Completed
LMC 4701, Undergraduate Research Proposal Writing	1	
LMC 4702, Undergraduate Research Thesis Writing	1	

## B. Other Requirements

None

## C. Completion of Thesis

*We, the below signed, hereby state our full approval of the thesis submitted by the above student in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Research Option.*

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Faculty Mentor (print name)                      Signature                      Date

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