



## INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT

A student who wishes to study a topic related to their program of study, but not regularly offered in the university's curriculum, may choose to enroll in an Independent Study. Typically, a three credit independent study will include significant reading and written work and on-going contact with the faculty member. An Independent Study may be negotiated with any resident member of the university faculty (core faculty or faculty associate) for any semester of the academic year.

- Students may not take more than 3 credits of Independent Study coursework.
- Independent study courses may not be used to fulfill core requirements.
- Independent Study courses are subject to all academic and course policies and procedures outlined in the academic Catalogue.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Independent Study: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach a complete description of your Independent Study (typically 1-2 pages, approx. 500-1000 words) and a bibliography. The description should include the following components:

1. **Project overview** (one paragraph, providing a general statement of purpose)
2. **Learning objectives** (questions you intend to answer, topics you intend to engage)
3. **Methods for completion** (specific tasks you will undertake, tied to objectives)
4. **Forms of accountability/assessment** (keyed to the methods, a means for monitoring and evaluating your work)
5. **Resources and bibliography** (materials that inform the learning, including fully cited texts)
6. **Schedule** (when you will complete which tasks; when you will meet with instructor)

Independent Study Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Dean Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_