



Exploring Differences, Deepening Faith

INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT

A student who wishes to study a topic related to their program of study, but not regularly offered in the Seminary’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 of less than 3 credits may be negotiated. An Independent Study may be negotiated with any resident member of the Seminary faculty (core faculty or faculty associate) for any semester of the academic year. An Independent Study Contract must be completed by the student in consultation with the independent study adviser and sent to the Academic Dean for approval before the end of the third week of the semester. In no case will a student be allowed to take more than six credits of Independent Study. **Independent Study courses may not be used to fulfill core area requirements for the Master of Arts program. Independent Study courses are subject to all academic and course policies and procedures as outlined in the Catalogue.**

Student Name _____

Academic Year _____ Semester _____

Course Number _____ (GC/MA-592, DM/PHD-792) Number of Credits _____

Title of Independent Study: _____

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 for completion** (when you will complete which tasks; include instructor contact)

Contract Approved by Independent Study Adviser:

Signature: _____ Date _____

Contract Approved by the Academic Dean:

Signature: _____ Date _____