

# SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

(Please type or print legibly.)

Please review the Guidelines printed on the reverse side of this form and any departmental information before completing the request form.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Department Taking Independent Study With: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number (circle): 371(Fall 3cr) / 372(Spr 3cr) / 371 (use Semester above, 3 cr)

PS = Psychology → PS371A(3cr) / PS371B(3cr)

LI = Library → LI371(Fall 1cr) / LI372(Spr 1cr)

ID = Interdisciplinary → ID271A(Fall 3cr) / ID272A(Spr 3cr) / ID271B(Fall 4cr) / ID272B(Spr 4cr)

ID = Interdisciplinary → ID371A(Fall 3cr) / ID372A(Spr 3cr) / ID371B(Fall 4cr) / ID372B(Spr 4cr)

HF = Honors forum → (circle how many credits) **1 2 3 4**

Chair of the Honors Forum's signature is **required**, for the Chairperson's approval (see below).

If Foreign Language, is it being taught in English? Circle one: Y or N

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** (An independent study may not cover the same material as a regularly scheduled class in the same term.)

Please include information such as student learning objectives, resources to be used and expected end result (e.g. major paper, production, research etc.)

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Course(s) completed in preparation for this project:

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. Do you wish to register for this course pass/fail (S/U)? **Yes / No**
2. Is this course to be counted toward your major or minor? **Yes / No**. If yes, does it meet a specific category requirement? **Yes / No**. Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
3. Will this course cover the **same** material as an approved Skidmore course? **Yes / No**. If yes, which course number \_\_\_\_\_ (This course # will be used on registration and transcript forms with the title having (IND) at the end of it.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Instructor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson's Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Guidelines and Information**

- Independent Study may be an option for the student with a good academic record who has a compelling interest in the proposed area of study, has completed the courses that provide appropriate background to the independent study, and who proposes, in writing to a faculty sponsor, a detailed, articulate, and coherent plan of study.
- The proposed focus of the Independent Study must clearly lend itself to the “independent study” format: for example, pursuit of the topic should depend largely on the student’s own initiative, the availability of resources to which the student can have independent access, and should require minimal ongoing monitoring or instruction from the faculty member.
- The Independent Study should cover areas of student and faculty interests not typically included in regular course offerings, or take the student's experience into a greater depth of study and into a more sophisticated engagement with course-related topics.
- While several variables affect the amount of time a student should commit to independent study work, the general expectation is that the student should invest 9-16 hours each week in his or her project (assuming 3-4 hours of credit).
- The topic of the proposed Independent Study should have clear and credible connections to the sponsoring discipline. Studies that are more cross-disciplinary or interdisciplinary in nature should consider using the rubric ID271/272 or ID371/372: Interdisciplinary Independent Study.
- Some departments require special departmental forms that can be attached to this form to detail the expectations for completion of course requirements