GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY: GUIDELINES

Independent Study provides an opportunity for the student to complete an intense, self-designed project, with faculty supervision, in an area of special interest not covered to any great extent in existing courses.

Before registering for an Independent Study, the student should:

1. Develop a preliminary proposal for the Independent Study to include: (a) clearly defined objectives, and (b) the means for achieving these objectives.
2. Obtain the agreement of a faculty member to supervise the proposed Independent Study.
3. Develop, in consultation with the supervising faculty member, a final plan for completing the Independent Study to include: (a) the statements of objectives and the means for achieving them, (b) the method to be used in evaluating the completed study, and (3) the grading option to be used.
4. Determine, in consultation with the supervising faculty member, the number of academic credits to be granted upon completion of the Independent Study.
5. Complete the PROPOSAL FOR GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY, obtain the required signatures, and return the completed form to the Student Services Coordinator.
INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH EDUCATION
PROPOSAL FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY (CLRES 2080)

Name: 
PeopleSoft ID: 

Term: 
Pitt faculty sponsor: 

Sponsor faculty email address: 
Department of sponsor faculty: 

Other participating faculty: 
1. 
2. 

Title of independent study: 

Credit(s): 

Standard ICRE course credit equivalencies:
1 credit = 16 hours spent in class per term
2 credits = 32 hours spent in class per term
3 credits = 48 hours spent in class per term

Grading option: (choose one) 
☐ Letter grade 
☐ S/NC (Satisfactory/No Credit)

Learning objectives (Please be as specific as possible):
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 

Timeline
Start date: 
*End date: 

*Note: Your independent study must conclude at least 2 weeks prior to the last day of the term. This allows time for your sponsor faculty to evaluate your performance in the independent study and submit a grade to ICRE administrators. Term dates can be found on the Pitt Registrar website.

Assignments and corresponding deliverables (literature review, problem sets, project development proposal, etc.)
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 

Signatures

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Student                                                                                     Faculty Sponsor

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ICRE Advisor