

UMD Political Science Department Independent Study Project

Name:		ID #:
Phone:	E-mail address:	
Major:	Minor/2nd Major:	

Class: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Session: Fall Spring PreSession Summer Other

Course: Pol 4191, Independent Study IntS 1191, Int'l Study IntS 3191, Int'l Study IntS 4891, Independent Study

Project topic:	
Faculty supervisor:	Number of credits:

Describe the project in terms of its goals and the specific work you plan to do in order to complete it. This should be as full a description of your intended study as is possible at this time. Use the space below or attach an outline or plan to this form.

<i>Student signature</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Supervising Faculty Member Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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Independent Study Policy of the Political Science Department and Guidelines for the Student

GENERAL POLICY

- I. Independent Study, is offered in the Department's programs as a service and opportunity for students to:
 - A. Study and investigate some aspect of the discipline in greater breadth and/or depth than is possible through regular courses.
 - B. Obtain credit for study and investigation in applied areas as an extension of regular course offerings.

- II. Independent Study is not provided:
 - A. as a means of solving scheduling problems or conflicts resulting from poor planning;
 - B. as a means to attempt to circumvent the core offerings of the Department or to avoid taking a regularly scheduled offering which is appropriate to the student's program;
 - C. as a means of solving scheduling problems or conflicts resulting from changes in majors, minors or programs offered in other units of the University.

- III. The Department will control registration for Independent Study by issuing overrides only to students who have completed the preliminary steps defined below under "Guidelines for Students."

- IV. To ensure the adequate advance planning that is so important to the successful completion of this type of individual work, the Department asks that students complete contract arrangements for the Independent Study ***in the semester prior to the one in which the course will be taken.***

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

- I. If interested in Independent Study, discuss the possibilities with the departmental faculty member under whom you plan to work.

- II. After you have defined the project and the steps necessary to executing and completing it with the supervising faculty member, complete the "Independent Study Project" contract.

- III. Give the completed contract to the supervising faculty member ***prior to registration*** in order to secure an override number for the course. NO overrides will be issued without the completed contract! (The completed contract is also necessary if the course is added after the beginning of the semester through the regular drop-add process.)