

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR INDS 400 INDEPENDENT STUDY

1. *INDS 400 – Independent Study* is open only to INDS majors.
2. All independent studies must have a faculty mentor to indicate the work to be completed for INDS 400 credit. If the independent study follows much of the work from an established course, the syllabus should be followed as closely as possible.
3. An independent study can range from one to three credits depending on the amount of work and time required.
4. Most independent studies are research-based papers; the typical length is 30 pages for a 3-credit independent study. If the independent study has the outcome of a finished product/presentation, a 10-page written component must accompany the final project.
5. **To receive permission to register for INDS 400 from your Interdisciplinary Studies advisor, you must complete and submit pages one and two of the Independent Study Form.** The learning objectives and grading rubric should be clear. All signatures must be obtained before permission will be granted for the independent study.
6. The deadline for completed work in the independent study is the last day of class in the semester for which INDS 400 is registered. A copy must be sent to both the faculty mentor and the INDS Advisor.
7. The faculty mentor will assign a letter grade for the independent study and communicate that grade to the student and the INDS Advisor before the last day grades are due.

INDS 400 INDEPENDENT STUDY FORM

Date: _____

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Home Telephone: () - _____ Cell Telephone: () - _____

Campus Address: _____

Campus Telephone: () - _____ E-mail Address: _____

Semester: _____ Check one: INDS 400 or INDS 400H Credit hours: _____

Faculty Mentor: _____ Department: _____

Office Phone: _____ Email : _____

DESCRIPTION OF INDEPENDENT STUDY:

STATE SPECIFIC LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

HOW IS THIS INDEPENDENT STUDY "INTERDISCIPLINARY"?

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR GRADING RUBRIC ON A SEPARATE SHEET. The grading rubric will answer the question, "How will this project be assessed?" A sample rubric is provided here but should be tailored to the specific project.

Mode: paper exhibit film/video performance audio

Criteria	% of Total Grade	Points Earned
Format: length of 30 to 35 pages, proper organization, 25 or more resources used, and proper citation (APA style)	5	
Interdisciplinarity: use of an interdisciplinary approach, reason for interdisciplinary approach explained, and integrative strategies employed	25	
Content: clarity of introduction, clarity of content, flow of concepts, and questions and unresolved issues that arise discussed	50	
Quality: correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation	10	
Presentation: time limit of 10 minutes honored, clarity of content, and the inclusion of the main purpose, disciplines, methodology, and integrative strategies	10	
Total	100	

I have discussed the expectations of this Independent Study and give my approval for this project.

Faculty Mentor Signature

I give my approval for this independent study.

Interdisciplinary Studies Program Advisor signature

Due date for independent study to faculty mentor and INDS Advisor.

I agree to fulfill the requirements for this independent study.

Student signature

Date