

**Environmental Studies Graduate Program
Independent Study Information and Agreement**

Purpose of the Independent Study:

Independent study is an opportunity to work with individual direction from a faculty member on a topic of mutual interest in environmental studies. A student may propose an independent study to any appropriate member of the graduate faculty. If they agree that (1) the topic is worth investigating; (2) the student has sufficient background in the topic; (3) the topic is not covered in sufficient depth in departmental courses; and (4) they share enough interest in the topic to sustain the project, then they may sign an independent study agreement. Faculty are under no compulsion to accept independent study students, but do so as their work load permits.

Independent Study credit may not be given for internship experiences, work for pay within or outside of the program, or volunteer work. Please complete the agreement form below and return a signed copy to the Graduate Coordinator before or within the first 10 days of the semester.

Semester and Year _____

Student Name _____

Student ID Number _____

Number of Credits for this Independent Study _____

Prior Number of Independent Study Hours _____

Faculty Sponsor _____

Faculty Sponsor Employee ID Number _____

Briefly outline the problem to be investigated or the purpose of the independent study:

Describe the requirements for the granting of the independent study credit (papers, presentations, reports):

Justify the requested number of credit hours (Note: CCHE guidelines require a minimum of 25 hours of student investment of time for each credit hour generated.)

Student's Signature

Date

Faculty Sponsor's Signature

Date

Faculty Advisor's Signature

Date