

Independent Study Agreement Department of Geography

Date _____	Course: GEOG3840- _____
Name _____	Faculty _____
Student ID _____	Semester & Year _____
Address _____	IS Credits Requested (1-6) _____
Phone _____	GEOG Hours Completed _____
Email address _____	IS hours completed _____
Major _____ Cum GPA _____	Class Standing (Jr/Sr) _____

Name, address, email address & phone of others involved in this IS

Please read:

Geography Independent Study is an opportunity for students to work with individual direction from a faculty member on a topic of mutual interest in geography. Students must have taken all the previous courses in the subject matter leading up to the chosen topic. Independent Study is reserved for advanced specialties or for intermediate study in areas in which the department does not normally offer course work. Faculty members are not obligated to accept Independent Study students, but do so as their teaching load permits.

Details of the IS project must be finalized and approved by the faculty sponsor, within the first two weeks of the semester. Independent Study credit(s) will NOT be granted retroactively for study experiences carried out at an earlier date.

Semester Hours of Credit – Geography undergraduate IS agreements range from one (1) to six (6) upper-division credit hours. *The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) requires a minimum of 25 hours (1500 minutes) for each 1 semester hour of credit.* The number of credit hours for individual projects is determined by the faculty sponsor and student prior to registering for the IS credits. Maximum IS credit hours allowed by the College of Arts & Sciences and the Department of Geography:

- 16 Hours total toward degree (A&S)
- 8 Hours in any one department (A&S)
- 6 Hours in any one semester (Geography)

Geography IS for Graduate Students – Total number of hours limited by the Graduate School. Independent Study hours cannot exceed 25 percent of the course work required by the department.

Undergraduate Eligibility (Can be waived at faculty sponsor discretion)

- Geography (or related) Major OR Geography Minor
- Junior or Senior Status
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Minimum of 17 hours in Geography

Registration typically will not be approved after the second week of class.

Topic or Title of Independent Study:

List Courses Taken that Offered a Foundation for this IS:

Methods of Work and Expected Goals: Provide Details

Location of IS work, if not Boulder campus:

Books and Resources: List books or other written materials which will be used in this project. If the project involves contacting individuals, list individuals here:

Conference Dates With Faculty Sponsor:

Initial Conference: _____

Additional Conferences to be Held: _____

Final Product To Be Graded: (e.g., 20-page paper, 30 minute presentation, etc.)

Project Due Date:

Will Human subjects be used in this IS project? _____

If YES, has the Human Research Committee Application been filed? _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Faculty Sponsor Signature _____ Date _____

IS Coordinator Signature _____ Date _____

For Undergraduate students, IS Coordinator is Chair of UG Studies; For Grad Students, IS Coordinator is Chair of Graduate Studies. If the IS Coordinator is the Faculty Sponsor of the IS project, approval of the Department Chair is required.

Staff Registrar Signature _____ Date _____