

Department of Psychology and Neuroscience
PSYC 6841
Graduate Independent Study Agreement

The purpose of independent study is to provide individualized research, scholarly, and/or practical academic experience for students if such goals cannot be met through courses in the regular curriculum. Independent Study credit must be approved by the professor directing the course of study and by the Director of Graduate Studies of the Department. Ordinarily, three (3) hours of credit maximum will be given per semester. PSYC 6841 can be repeated for up to 7 total credits.

Independent study should not be taken to support work that is already covered under another course. For example, a student should not enroll in both independent study and dissertation units for the same work.

Student Name _____
Student ID# _____

Credit Hours Requested (select from menu):

Semester (select from menu):

Year: _____

Date work begins: _____ and will be completed by: _____

Explain why the goals of your project cannot be achieved with a course in the regular curriculum

Detailed Description of Project and Its Goals

Include a discussion of the following:

1. What are the goals of the independent study and the measurable methods by which they will be achieved?
2. With what frequency will you meet with the faculty sponsor, and in what format (e.g., one-on-one, lab meeting)? Note that faculty with a graduate school appointment can teach graduate classes. As a result, graduate independent study work is expected to be direct supervised by a TTT faculty (rather than a post-doc or graduate student).
3. What concrete timeline will be used to achieve components of the project?

Detailed Description of Method of Evaluation

Written documentation demonstrating the student met the goals of the independent study within the proposed time frame is required by the end of the term. This can take different forms depending on the goals (e.g., a review paper, detailed annotated bibliography, a detailed data library including a code book and relevant syntax) and should be determined between the student and faculty sponsor depending on the project goals. Describe the method of evaluation here, making sure it is clear how this method is congruent with the goals of the project.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Faculty Member: _____

(Note: Must be Full-time Faculty)

Faculty Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT TO DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES FOR APPROVAL AND REGISTRATION

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Tim Curran, Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registered by: _____ Date: _____