Independent Study credit is awarded through this contract.
- Complete all requested information in Part 1, 2, 3, and 4 in blue or black ink
- Both the student and the instructor must sign this contract in Part 4 in order for the contract to be valid
- The completed and signed contract must be submitted to the Economics Undergraduate Program Office in 1038 Thompson Hall before the end of the add/drop period for the semester in which the student is to be enrolled in the Independent Study
- Students are enrolled in ECON 196, 296, 396 or 496, depending on the level of the coursework completed
- Contact: Economics Undergraduate Program Office, 1038 Thompson Hall, (413) 545-0855, undergrad@econs.umass.edu

Internship credit is NOT awarded through this contract. For information regarding internship credit, contact Russell Janis, Internship Coordinator for the Department of Economics: rjanis@econs.umass.edu

Honors individualized credit is NOT awarded through this contract. For information regarding Honors individualized study credit, contact the Commonwealth Honors College. Contact information is here: honors.umass.edu/

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

DATE: __________________________________________

LAST NAME:____________________________________ FIRST NAME:____________________________________

8-DIGIT STUDENT ID #:_________________________ E-MAIL (@umass.edu):____________________________________

PHONE #:______________________________________ MAJOR(S):_______________________________________

MINOR(S)/CERTIFICATE(S):________________________

PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INSTRUCTOR

LAST NAME:____________________________________ FIRST NAME:____________________________________

E-MAIL:________________________________________

GRADING (circle one): Letter Grading Pass/Fail NUMBER OF CREDITS (1-6)________

Is the coursework for this Independent Study considered upper-level (300-level or higher coursework)? Yes No

An Independent Study course may fulfill one Economics major requirement if the course is taken for a letter grade and a minimum of 3 credits. No more than one Independent Study course (ECON 396, 496, 499Y, 499T or 596) may fulfill either one of the required upper-level ECON courses for the Economics major or one of the required upper-level ECON courses in Option A of the Economics major requirements.

Is this course intended to fulfill an Economics major requirement? Yes No
PART 3: COURSE DESCRIPTION (TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE STUDENT AND THE INSTRUCTOR)

Briefly describe below the general research topic and the duties and responsibilities of the student and the instructor. How often will you confer and by what means? When is the final project or paper due? Traditionally, the Department of Economics requires that Independent Study projects fulfilling an Economics major requirement culminate with a paper containing five pages per academic credit.

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PART 4: SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned, have read and confirmed all parts of this document and agree to perform the duties and responsibilities spelled out here. We agree to confer with an Academic Advisor in the Department of Economics should the need arise and/or to notify the Advisor of any changes immediately.

INSTRUCTOR’S SIGNATURE: __________________________________________ DATE: __________________

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE: __________________________________________ DATE: __________________