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INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Students are encouraged to submit proposals as early as possible before the semester in which they wish to do an independent study.

Student's Name: _____ SPIRE ID#: _____

Local Address: _____

Local Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Faculty Sponsor: _____

TITLE OF PROPOSAL _____

SPP# 696

Semester: _____ # of Credits*: _____ Class Number (Schedule #): _____
*(options / 1-6)

Student's Signature Date

Proposal approved by:

Faculty Sponsor's Signature Date

SPP Director, Associate Director or Graduate Program Director Signature Date

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Course Added to Student's Schedule: _____ / _____ / _____ DATE TIME INITIALS

INDEPENDENT STUDY *** SPP 696

Independent Study consists of academic projects of a scholarly nature that involve guided reading and research. They can range from one to six credits each. An Independent Study can also be used for an internship/applied/experiential learning.

Independent Studies require a formal proposal that must be approved by your faculty sponsor AND SPP leadership. The average number of credits for a semester-long Independent Study is three, which involves approximately 90 hours (comparable to any 600-level course) of documented reading, writing and research. One- and two-credit Independent Studies are also possible, with proportionally less work. SPP will reject your proposal or ask you to revise it if it fails to follow the guidelines, or if it fails to define a clear, well-thought-out program of inquiry.

The Proposal The proposal should include:

- (1) A statement of the purpose/goals of the project.
- (2) A description of the subject matter.
- (3) An explanation of its relevance to your interests and/or major area of study.
- (4) A description of your proposed research methodology & deliverables.