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Term: _____

Year: _____

Proposal Form for Independent Study Courses

Student Name: _____

UM ID: _____

Uniqname: _____

Phone: _____

Level (check one): FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR

Subject: _____

Course Number: _____

Credit Hours: _____

SUBMISSION DEADLINES
Last day of winter term classes for **spring, summer,
or fall** independent studies
Last day of fall term classes for winter term independent studies

Instructor: _____

*See the last page of this contract for list of course numbers. Students should select an appropriate course number in consultation with the supervising instructor.

Number of weekly conference hours between student and faculty sponsor: _____

****The student completes PAGES 2 and 4, and the instructor completes PAGE 3****

For committee use:

Approved Not Approved (circle one)

Head of Curriculum Committee Signature

Comments:

To be completed by the **student**: *Use a separate sheet if necessary.*

1. Describe in detail the content and overall objective of your project. **Be certain to specify how your objectives are not covered by the current curriculum.**

2. Why do you think this project needs to be carried out as an independent study?

3. List the primary materials to be used during this study. Be specific.

4. List secondary materials. Be specific.

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Name: _____

To be completed by the **faculty sponsor**:

1. Considering the student's background and previous coursework, explain how the proposed internship will benefit the student's academic development.

2. Does the proposed independent study merit the number of credit hours requested?

3. What will be your method of evaluation of the student's work?

4. Have the quality and quantity of materials for this independent study been selected appropriately?

FACULTY SPONSOR SIGNATURE

RLL Independent Study Proposal

Name: _____

To be completed by the **student with approval of the faculty sponsor:**

Schedule of work to be completed (prior to meetings with faculty sponsor)

Weeks 1-2:

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Weeks 3-4:

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Weeks 5-6:

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Weeks 7-8:

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Weeks 9-10:

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Weeks 11-12:

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Weeks 13-14:

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Date for submission of final paper (if applicable): _____

Student's signature _____

RLL Independent Study Proposal

Independent Study Courses in the Department of Romance Languages

Independent study courses may be elected in the fall and winter terms and the spring and summer half-terms* on the Ann Arbor campus. You are eligible if you are currently enrolled at U-M, and have satisfied the necessary prerequisites for the independent study course level you wish to take. Undergraduates may only take an independent study course if the course-level prerequisites in the appropriate language have been completed.

An independent study course is designed by you, the student, to investigate an area or field of specialization not normally covered in a regularly scheduled course offering by the department. Independent studies should not be undertaken solely because of difficulty fitting other classes into your schedule, nor because a course you wish to enroll in is full. If you are having trouble enrolling in a course, please see www.lsa.umich.edu/rll/langinstruct/overrides.html for assistance.

*****Deadline: Independent study applications are due on the last day of classes of the Winter semester for Spring*, Summer*, and Fall independent studies, and the last day of the Fall semester for Winter independent studies.**

* Most RLL faculty members are on leave during the spring and summer half-terms, which means that they are unavailable to sponsor independent studies. Please plan your schedule accordingly, and make arrangements well in advance of the half-terms to avoid any problems.

Instructions:

- Make a research proposal to a faculty member with whom you would like to take the independent study course.
- You and the instructor should agree on course details, including the material to be covered; course format; sources to be used; and method of evaluation. Select the independent study course number appropriate to your level and needs.
- Complete a proposal form and return it to the department main office, 4108 MLB. (Be sure to include additional paperwork as needed if you are applying to use an internship course number.) Forms will then be submitted to the appropriate committee for final approval.
- Once final approval has been obtained, you will receive an e-mail with instructions for registering.
- Students may only count one independent study toward the completion of their major/minor requirements. If your project requires two semesters of independent work, you are encouraged to consider applying for the honors program in your language.
- All proposals need to articulate themselves in relation to the student's course of study in the major/minor as a whole: in other words, how will this independent study build upon your previous coursework?
- The faculty expects that a course of independent study normally contain 50% more reading than a regularly scheduled course because you will not be spending time in a formal class. In your regular meetings with your supervisor, you should come prepared to present the work you have completed and its results.

Any questions about this procedure should be directed to the instructor with whom you are working.

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Department of Romance Languages Independent Study Courses

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:

Subject	Catalog Nbr	Course Title	Units Min	Units Max	Course Repeatable?
FRENCH	399	Independent Study	1	3	No
ITALIAN	346	Internship	3	3	No
ITALIAN	399	Directed Reading	1	3	Yes
ITALIAN	491	Senior Honors Thesis	Students should complete an honors application to request enrollment in 491		
ITALIAN	499	Advanced Ind Study	1	3	Yes (up to 9 hrs)
PORTUG	350	Independent Study	1	3	Yes (up to 6 hrs)
PORTUG	499	Independent Study	3	3	NO
ROMLING	450	Independent Study	1	3	Yes
SPANISH	350	Independent Study	1	3	NO
SPANISH	435	Independent Study	1	3	Yes (up to 3 hrs)