Guidelines for Independent Study

The purpose of an Independent Study (IS) in Honors is to pursue a topic or field of study beyond what you would be able to do in a regular Honors class. It is not intended to duplicate courses that are already offered for which you could not enroll. IS classes involve considerable effort on the part of both the faculty and the student and especially require independent motivation and work by the student. An IS is usually undertaken with a faculty member with whom you have already taken a course.

Independent Study courses are not intended to take the place of regular courses in Honors. Ideally, they will be planned a semester in advance so that students are able to take advantage of the full semester for their project. At the latest, they are due to the Honors Chair one week prior to the beginning of the semester. (For an 8 week courses they are also due prior to the start of the course.) Please note: you must attach a syllabus which at a minimum includes: 1) student learning outcomes, 2) a proposed set of deliverables (e.g. a schedule of readings and assignments, or other description). Also note that credit varies in LoboWeb, so be sure to select the correct number of credit hours when you register. The Honors College advisor will send you an email indicating whether your IS has been approved and providing instructions for adding the course to your schedule.

Student Name ____________________________ Student ID # ____________________________

Student E-mail ____________________________

Honors Courses Taken Previously: [ ] 100-level [ ] 200-level [ ] 300-level [ ] 400-level

IS Course Number (circle one) 199 299 399 499 Other ____________________________

Number of credits _________ Semester and Year ____________________________

Faculty __________________________________________

Course Title __________________________________________

*Attach a syllabus - Independent Study forms will not be processed without a syllabus*

Student Signature ____________________________ Date __________

Faculty Signature ____________________________ Date __________

Chair of Curriculum Signature ____________________________ Date __________