



Inter-College Program

Independent Study Contract

for ICP 3093

Please complete this form electronically or print clearly and submit it via mail or fax. The text boxes on the first two pages are limited to 400 characters (about 4 lines); attach additional files if needed.

Student Information

Name _____ ID# _____ Date _____
Street Address _____ Phone _____
City/State/Zip _____ E-mail _____
Current College of Enrollment _____ Is this your honors project? _____
Semester _____ Year _____ # of Credits _____ Grading _____

Faculty Information

Name _____ E-mail _____
Campus Dept./Address _____ Phone _____

Community Faculty Information

Name _____ E-mail _____
Campus Dept./Address _____ Phone _____

Rationale for registering via ICP 3093 instead of departmental directed study:

Project Title _____

Context: What are your reasons for doing this project?

Learning Objective: What are you trying to learn? (This is extremely important. Please be specific about the information, knowledge, or techniques you want to learn.)

Methods: What resources and methods will you use to complete this project? Be specific. If necessary, attach a bibliography.

Preparation: What coursework/prior learning/work experience have you had that is related to this project or will serve as preparation for it?

Study Schedule:

I intend to spend _____ hours per week for _____ weeks.

I plan to start work on the project on _____, and my projected completion date is _____.

Result of the Project: What is the anticipated product of this project? (e.g., written paper, film, oral presentation, annotated bibliography, artwork, performance, etc.)

I certify that this project represents original work and does not duplicate any work done for another course or independent study project.

Student signature _____

Date _____

*Faculty and Community Faculty Advisers***Preliminary Discussion with Student**

Below are some questions to discuss with the student when the project is proposed:

1. Does the rationale support the need to register under ICP 3093?
2. Are the reasons for doing the project clear?
3. Are the student's learning objectives attainable as stated?
4. Does the title reflect the content and scope of the project?
5. Are the resources and methods proposed appropriate for accomplishing the stated learning objectives?
6. Has the student completed adequate preparation to undertake this project?
7. Is the study schedule realistic?
8. Are the results the student has chosen the best way to show what learning has occurred?
9. Are the evaluation criteria clear and in harmony with the project objectives?

Credit Guidelines

The faculty adviser will determine the number of credits to be awarded for the project. As a guideline, the U of M Senate defines one credit as equivalent to the amount of work that an average student can accomplish in 3 hours per week, or 45 hours for a 15-week semester.

In determining the number of credits, also consider the breadth and depth of the project and the level of analysis or synthesis required.

Also bear in mind that students should earn directed study credit not simply for having an experience, but for the way they describe, organize, or analyze the experience or use it to solve an intellectual problem.

Evaluation Criteria

ICP will contact you at the end of the semester for your evaluation of the project. Your evaluation of the quality of the directed study project should follow the same standards that you would apply to regular coursework.

Please explain below: How will you measure the quality of the project? What questions will you use to evaluate the student's work?

Faculty signature _____

Date _____

Community Faculty
signature (optional) _____

Date _____