Independent Study/Special Projects Instructions

Description

COMM 3910 and COMM 5800 are available under certain circumstances. For example, faculty might invite a small group of selected students to help produce a documentary. At other times, advanced students can propose a structured, rigorous professional project suitable for their portfolios. Students must make arrangements with individual faculty in order to enroll in either course. Based on the rigor of the work or project, the faculty member will determine if the student may enroll in either COMM 3910 or 5800. We highly recommend that students work with a faculty member who they are familiar with or that has a background in an area of study they are interested in.

Requirements/Grading

The faculty member that has agreed to oversee the student for an independent study or special project is also responsible for the determining what the requirements for the course will be. Faculty should make sure that students are aware of their grading system. Students should work closely with faculty to make sure that they understand the requirements and grading for the course.

Proposing a project

Students that are approaching faculty to sponsor them for a special project, should be prepared to present a proposed project. We have provided a proposal sheet for you to outline your project and how it will help benefit your future goals. Attach any additional informational items you may have regarding your proposed project.

Approval

If a special project is approved, the instructor will need to sign the approval portion of the form. Once signed, the student will need to submit the form to the front desk of LNCO 2400. After an advisor has reviewed the form an add code will be emailed directly to the student’s UMAIL account.
Special Project/Independent Study Proposal Form

Student First and Last Name ___________________________ ID# ____________

Name of Faculty member for which you wish to sponsor your project: ___________________________

Semester you would be taking the course _______________________

Important Note: The project or independent study must be completed within the semester that you are fulfilling the work for the course, we do not give credit for past projects/work.

Provide a description of your proposed project:

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How will this project help you with your future goals?

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To be completed by the faculty member:

☐ Approved
☐ Denied

If approved, select which course:

☐ 3910 Independent Study
☐ 5800 Special Projects

Faculty Signature ___________________________
Date: ____________