SPECIAL PERMISSION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY
(Please type or print legibly.)

Please review the Guidelines printed on the reverse side of this form and any departmental information before completing the request form.

NAME ________________________________________ CLASS _______ MAJOR __________ GPA _______

Semester ______________ Department Supporting Independent Study: ___________________________________________________________________

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If Foreign Language, is it being taught in English? Circle one: Y or N

Project Title: ___________________________________________________________________

COURSE DESCRIPTION: (An independent study may not cover the same material as a regularly scheduled class in the same term.)

Please include information such as student learning objectives, resources to be used and expected end result (e.g. major paper, production, research etc.)

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Course(s) completed in preparation for this project:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
1. Do you wish to register for this course pass/fail (S/U)? Yes / No
2. Is this course to be counted toward your major or minor? Yes / No. If yes, does it meet a specific category requirement? Yes / No. Please specify ____________________________
3. Will this course cover the same material as an approved Skidmore course? Yes / No. If yes, which course number ____________ (Course # will be used on registration and transcript forms with the title having (IND) at the end of it.

Student’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: _______
Instructor’s Approval: __________________________ Date: _______ Print Instructor’s Name____________________
Chairperson’s Approval: _________________________ Date: _______
Advisor’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: _______

(See reverse for guidelines and directions)
Guidelines

• Independent Study may be an option for the student with a good academic record who has a compelling interest in the proposed area of study, has completed the courses that provide appropriate background to the independent study, and who proposes, in writing to a faculty sponsor, a detailed, articulate, and coherent plan of study.

• The proposed focus of the Independent Study must clearly lend itself to the “independent study” format: for example, pursuit of the topic should depend largely on the student’s own initiative, the availability of resources to which the student can have independent access, and should require minimal ongoing monitoring or instruction from the faculty member.

• The Independent Study should cover areas of student and faculty interests not typically included in regular course offerings, or take the student's experience into a greater depth of study and into a more sophisticated engagement with course-related topics.

• While several variables affect the amount of time a student should commit to independent study work, the general expectation is that the student should invest 9-16 hours each week in his or her project (assuming 3-4 hours of credit).

• The topic of the proposed Independent Study should have clear and credible connections to the sponsoring discipline. Studies that are more cross-disciplinary or interdisciplinary in nature should consider using the rubric ID271/272 or ID371/372: Interdisciplinary Independent Study.

• Some departments require special departmental forms that can be attached to this form to detail the expectations for completion of course requirements

DIRECTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM

• In the box at the top of the form, unless you are one of the special circumstances listed, circle one of the top two options 371(Fall 3cr) or 372(Spr 3cr).
• If your independent study is with psychology, the library, exercise science, or honors forum or is an interdisciplinary independent study, circle the appropriate option in the box. (Not from the first line in the box.)
• If your independent study is with the foreign language department, please indicate whether or not it is being taught in English.
• For question number 3 under Registration Information, this should only be used if you are taking a course that is currently on the master schedule as an independent study because the course’s current schedule makes it impossible for you to attend during normal class hours.