

**ARCH UN3997-3998 INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL FORM**

Independent study provides an opportunity for students to work one-on-one with a faculty member on directed research or projects. Typically, independent study is reserved for students at an advanced level within their major who have demonstrated initiative and serious engagement with the material in their previous course work.

Students are advised to approach the faculty member they would like to work with as early as possible (ideally a semester in advance), since many instructors limit the number of students they will supervise in a given semester or year. Seniors who wish to do an independent study project as one of their Senior Courses will be expected to elect the 4-credit independent research option, producing work comparable to that required for a Senior Seminar or Architectural Design III, and ideally will have completed a Senior Seminar in the semester prior.

As part of the proposal and approval process, submit two sets of the following documents (one set to the the faculty research adviser and one set to the Department Chair) during the registration period a semester prior, or, with departmental permission, no later than one week before the first day of classes:

1. **FORM:** A completed copy of this form.
2. **ABSTRACT:** A one-page work abstract describing the purpose and plan for the independent study project, including the format of the final project and the proposed deliverables.
3. **SCHEDULE:** A schedule of work for the semester in which independent study will occur, indicating when deliverable deadlines, how often they are meeting with their advisor, etc.
4. **BIBLIOGRAPHY:** A bibliography for your research (including specific readings).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION MONTH/YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT ADVISER: \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY RESEARCH ADVISER: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe (100 words or less) why it is necessary to do this work as an independent research project rather than within existing courses on campus:

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Note the available courses that are closest to your proposed area of research:

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**General point requirements for Independent Research:**

Semester of Independent Research (Fall/Spring and Year): _____	2 pts : 15–20 page paper, or project comparable to work of half a studio semester, or combination of above.
Number of credits you are proposing (see guidelines →): _____	3 pts: 25–30 page paper. or project comparable to work of 3/4th a studio semester, or
Is this course to be used for a Senior Course (Yes/No) : _____	4 pts: 35–40 page paper, or project comparable to work of a semester-long studio, or combination of above; this option is required for a Senior Course.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY RESEARCH ADVISER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT CHAIR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_