

GUIDELINES FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL

The following outline is intended to provide guidance on proposals to be developed by students who wish to pursue an independent study course.

I. Introduction

1. Student's general area of study/research.
2. Area of interest (mention past experience, education and/or work).
3. Student's specific area of research, or research topic, research question and/or hypothesis.
4. The specific problem the student intends to address.
5. The rationale for taking this independent study.
 - a. How the independent study will aid the student in doctoral study.
 - b. What the student hopes to gain from the independent study.
6. What contractual agreement the student has established with the independent study instructor.
 1. Number of meeting times.
 2. Type of work that will be pursued, e.g. paper(s), independent research, conduct interviews, develop an instrument.

II. Literature Review

An outline of the literature (books, articles, journals) the student will use in the independent study.

III. Method

A brief assessment of how the independent study will assist the student in methodological design and/or analysis.

IV. Findings/Conclusions

1. What the student will produce as the result of the study (e.g. completed paper, submitted grant application, submitted journal article).

