

LSU Department of English
Proposal for a Graduate-Level Independent Study
ENGL 8900 - _____

Student Name _____

LSU ID# _____

Faculty Director _____

Semester/Year _____

Proposal Title _____

Approvals

This is a permission of department course: you cannot register until this form has been completed and approved by the DGS and the Graduate Committee. The Graduate Studies Program Specialist will then complete the registration.

Plan of Study – Attached

Guidelines

1. Independent studies should be proposed only on specific, clearly organized topics that logically fall under the general purview of the English Department, but which aren't readily available through the regular curriculum. Readings and work done should approximate the amount assigned in graduate seminars. We don't approve proposals that replicate courses taught within about a two-year cycle, proposals whose primary goal is what we consider standard graduate-level activity (e.g., revision of a seminar paper into a publishable essay), or proposals whose focus and activities remain unclear.
2. The student and professor should jointly draw up a course proposal, roughly analogous to a syllabus, that includes the following:
 - a. Title of the independent study.
 - b. Brief (one or two sentence) description of the independent study.
 - c. List of the readings for which the student will be responsible, with an approximate reading schedule.
 - d. Approximate schedule of meetings between the professor and the student
 - e. Amount and nature of the written (and, possibly, oral) work for which the student will be responsible.
 - f. Criteria by which the professor will determine the student's grade.
3. When the plan described above has been completed to the satisfaction of the professor and the student, it should be submitted to the DGS who, together with the Graduate Committee, will decide whether to accept the independent study as a section of ENGL 8900.