



Independent Study Agreement

Global Inclusion and Social Development Program, University of Massachusetts Boston

Independent Study Instructions and Guidelines:

1. Identify a faculty member or community member with whom you would like to work. If it is a faculty member, they will be responsible for working with you on your independent study and evaluating your work. If you are interested in working with a community member on a specific project or activity, your faculty advisor or the graduate program advisor will need to supervise the placement and ensure that it is a significant educational experience.
2. Define what you would like to accomplish with the Independent Study; this is a learning opportunity. Prepare ideas before approaching the faculty member, so you can make a meaningful proposal.
3. After the faculty member agrees to advise you, you must complete this form. The form must be signed by you, the faculty or community member that you will be working with and your faculty advisor.
4. After the form has been signed by you and the faculty advisor, you will need to have the form signed by the Graduate Program Director –Sheila Fesko
5. Once the signatures are in place, you can register for the class. The course number is GISD 696.

Keep a copy of this form!

Student Information:

Date: _____

Semester to begin Independent Study: _____

Semester to complete Independent Study: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Email _____

Faculty/Community Member Advising Independent Study Name:

Faculty/Community Member Advising Independent Study Email:

Number of Credits: _____

Degree Program: _____

Academic Rationale for pursuing an Independent Study:

Project Objectives and Goals:

Description of Project and Methodology:

Expected Outcomes:

Method of Evaluation and Assessment of Outcomes:

Approval Signatures (3 signatures required for enrollment):

Faculty/Community Member Advising Independent Study: _____

Student's Faculty Advisor: _____

Graduate program Director: _____

