

**INDIVIDUAL STUDIES PROPOSAL FORM  
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**

This form is to be completed by the student and instructor/project advisor. Once the form has been signed by both parties, the student may return it to the Computer Science Academic Services Office (Gould-Simpson 917) to register. Students cannot register for any individual studies credit without this completed form. *Students may earn up to twelve (12) units of individual studies credit to count toward their degree. Individual studies units may not be used for requirements in the Computer Science major.*

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **NetID** \_\_\_\_\_

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                 *See page 3 for course details, descriptions, and restrictions.             </div>	<b>Course Number (circle one):</b> <b>Preceptorship:</b> 391 <b>Directed Research:</b> 392 492 695C 900 <b>Independent Study:</b> 399 499 599 699 <b>Honors Ind. Study:</b> 399H 499H <b>Thesis:</b> 498H 910
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**Number of Units** \_\_\_\_\_ [Note: The University and Board of Regents have set a standard of 45 hours of course work for each unit of credit awarded.]

**Semester** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Advisor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Section Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Project** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated hours per week Student will spend on project** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Project Advisor/Student contact hours per week** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professor and student will meet to discuss progress during the week of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of project, including anticipated product (see policy #5):** (syllabus or project plan may be attached) \_\_\_\_\_

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**REQUIRED SIGNATURES:**

**STUDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT ADVISOR** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Policies for Independent Study**

*Approved by Faculty Senate, 5/5/08*

1. **Determination of credit:** The University and Board of Regents require a minimum of 45 hours of course work for each unit of credit awarded.
2. **The number of credits of Independent Study** must lie within the approved credit range listed in the catalog course description.
3. **The content of an Independent Study course** must not significantly duplicate material offered in a regularly scheduled course in the department in the current semester; any exceptions must be approved by the college dean.
4. **Departments and programs must have an Independent Study proposal form** modeled on this approved template that is to be completed when the student enrolls in the course or at the beginning of the term.
5. **The instructor or project advisor must provide** either a course syllabus or a project plan detailing:  
(1) learning outcomes, (2) expected reading, or lab or field work, (3) expected meetings, (4) expected work products, and (5) criteria to be used for evaluation and grading.
  - a. **All proposal forms and project plans** must be signed by the instructor and the student and filed in the department or program office within a week after the term commences.
  - b. **At the end of the term**, or whenever the student completes the project, the instructor or project advisor must complete a record of the outcome that explains the grade submitted. The record of outcome form with the instructor's signature should be filed in the department or program office when the course grade is submitted.
6. **If students are paid in association with an Independent Study course**, academic credit can be awarded only for faculty-approved academic work as defined by department policy.
7. **If registration for an Independent Study course occurs after the twenty-first day** of the regular semester, after the first two days of Winter Session or Pre-session, or after the first week of a Summer Session, the department head (or designee) must sign the Change of Schedule form, in addition to the instructor.
8. **If a grade of Incomplete is awarded** for an Independent Study course at the end of the term, another Project Advisor must be identified who agrees to evaluate the student's work, should the original Project Advisor become unavailable.

### **Guidelines for Independent Study**

1. The student should have a specific proposal or project in mind when requesting individual studies credit.
2. The enrollment fee for individual studies credit is calculated at the same rate as for other credit courses.
3. Students should enroll prior to the start of the term in which they will be earning credit, and must complete the required 45 hours of course work per credit unit before the last day of the term. The last day to register for Independent Study in Fall and Spring Semesters without incurring a late charge is the same as for all other courses; see <http://www.bursar.arizona.edu/students/fees/census> and [http://www.bursar.arizona.edu/students/fees/late\\_charge.asp](http://www.bursar.arizona.edu/students/fees/late_charge.asp).

**Department of Computer Science  
Undergraduate Individual Studies Options and Guidelines**

Course Title	C SC Number	Units per term	Repeatable?*	Grading Scale	Other Info
<b>Internship</b>	293 493	1-3	Between C SC 293 and 493, a total of 6 units of internship may be earned.	S P F	293 recommended for pre-CS majors, 493 for CS majors Enrollment requires completion of internship form
<b>Preceptorship</b>	391	1-3	Repeatable for up to 6 units	S P F	Used primarily for section leaders
<b>Directed Research</b>	392 492	1-3	Repeatable for up to 6 units	A B C D E	
<b>Independent Studies</b>	399 499	1-3 (399) 1-4 (499)	Repeatable for up to 6 units	S P F	
<b>Independent Studies - Honors</b>	399H 499H	1-3 (399H) 1-4 (499H)	Repeatable for up to 6 units	A B C D E	
<b>Honors Thesis</b>	498H	1-6	Repeatable for up to 9 units	A B C D E	A total of six units required to graduate with honors, generally taken for 3 credits over two semesters

\*Students may earn up to twelve (12) total units of individual studies credit toward their degree.

**Graduate Individual Studies Options and Guidelines**

Course Title	C SC Number	Units per term	Repeatable?	Grading Scale	Other Info
<b>Internship</b>	593	1-6	Repeatable for up to 6 units	S P F	International students must request CPT on UA International in addition to registering for this course
<b>Independent Studies</b>	599 699	1-4	Repeatable for up to 6 units	S P F	
<b>PhD Research (for Qual. Exam)</b>	695C	3		S P F	695C is to be taken 4 times within the first six semesters in <u>PhD program</u>
<b>Research</b>	900	1-6	Repeatable an unlimited number of times	S P F	
<b>Thesis</b>	910	1-6	Repeatable an unlimited number of times	S P E	
<b>Dissertation</b>	920	1-6	Repeatable an unlimited number of times	S P E	Must pass comp exam before enrolling