

SMU DOCTOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES  
INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT/PROPOSAL

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NOTE:

NOTE 2:

Make sure that the page length of your

writing contribution is clearly indicated below along with the content of the paper.

NOTE 3: the directing faculty  
member should provide a clear grading rubric and written assignment guidelines

*Please complete the following form, secure the appropriate signatures and return to the DLS office for review.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Proposal Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

SMU Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Directing Professor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credit Hours Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to be Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Topic or Title of Independent Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description: (Please describe the nature of the project and topics covered in detail as well as the page length and content of the writing contribution expected – for each credit hour earned, 15 pages of writing is expected)

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Describe how this project/independent study directly enhances/advances the study of the student's focal area of study:

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Describe how this study will involve the interpretation the human condition from an interdisciplinary, liberal arts perspective:

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Describe which interdisciplinary approaches will be introduced, and/or practiced in this study:

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Written Assignment Guidelines:

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Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directing Professor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Approvals:

Approved       Not Approved

DLS Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved       Not Approved

Simmons Dean/Faculty Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Revisions Required: