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Independent Study Senior Project/Wentz Guidelines
(GEOG4510 Senior Project, GEOG4930 Readings, GEOG5510 Research Problems)

All students wishing to enroll in one of the noted Independent Study courses will receive advance permission from the advisor before enrollment.

The student will complete a 3-5 page project proposal for the Independent Study course NO LATER than the end of the second week of the term (1st week of any summer term), although earlier submission of this proposal is encouraged. Upon review and acceptance, the advisor will attach a "contract" form (shown below) upon which final comments or changes are noted. Both the student and advisor will sign-off on the proposal and contract, which obligates the student to completion of the proposed project for an acceptable grade, and prevents the advisor from altering the requirements for successful completion of the Independent Study course. Although the student has an indication of the minimal requirements for an Independent Study project, the final grade received for the project (A, B, C) remains to the discretion of the advisor.

The student will meet with the advisor on a bi-weekly basis (or other schedule agreed to in advance) during the term to apprise the advisor of progress. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange these meetings. Failure to meet this requirement can result in either a poor grade or forced withdrawal from the course.

The completed project or paper will be submitted no later than the first day of dead week. This allows the advisor ample time to evaluate the project for grading. In the event of a Wentz Project, an earlier deadline may be required.

PROJECT CONTRACT

_____ Geography 4510 Senior Project or Wentz Project (Undergraduate Majors Only)

_____ Geography 4930 Readings in Geography

_____ Geography 5510 Research Problems in Geography (Graduate Students Only)

_____ The proposed Independent Study Project is Accepted as written.

_____ The proposed Independent Study Project is Rejected - Rewrite and Resubmit

_____ The proposed Independent Study Project is Accepted upon the conditions outlined on the back of this form or an attached sheet:

As advisor and advisee, we the undersigned agree that the attached proposal and all conditions outlined will serve as the basis for the noted Independent Study Course.

Allen Finchum
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Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature