Department of Political Science and Geography
Application for Undergraduate Independent Study, Independent Research, Directed Study
GEO 497 and POLS 497

Independent Study or Research affords students the opportunity for advanced study or research under the direction of a faculty member. Students only enroll in Independent Study or Research if a suitable course in the specific area is not offered at ODU. Students must make their own arrangement with a faculty member in advance of the semester of the semester they wish to enroll. A maximum of three hours of Independent Study or Research can be counted toward major degree requirements in Geography or Political Science.

Requirements to apply for Independent Study:

Junior or senior status
Good academic standing: overall GPA of 2.0 and major GPA of 2.5
Deadline for submission of application: end of first week of each semester

Project title

Your name ___________________________ UIN ______________________ E-mail ______________________

Year ___________ Major __________________________ Overall GPA ______ Major GPA ____________

Supervising instructor __________________________ Independent study credit hours (1 – 3) ______

Attachments (usually 1 -2 pages)

- Project title and description
- Statement of your academic preparation for the project
- Specific requirements as agreed with your supervising instructor
- Deadline for completion (normally the last day of class for the term)

Student signature ___________________________ Date ______________

Supervising instructor signature ___________________________ Date ______________

Department chair signature ___________________________ Date ______________

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