

# Contract for Undergraduate Independent Study

This is NOT to be used for Capstone courses

These courses do NOT counter toward the Geography major

Check off the appropriate box:

<input type="checkbox"/> GEOG 39100, Ind. Study in Geography (1 cr)	<input type="checkbox"/> GEOL 39300, Ind. Study in Geology (3 cr)
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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPL ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty

Semester

Mentor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

and Year: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE or TOPIC of project:

**STATEMENT OF INTENT.** The independent study is an in-depth look at a specific topic that you are interested in researching and that will advance your knowledge in your major course of study. Be specific in your description of the project detailing what you would like to do, why you would like to do it, and how you will go about achieving your goal. Please **type** the statement of and **attach it to this contract as a second page**. Your statement should be between 250 and 500 words.

A statement of intent needs to be drafted by YOU in consultation with the full-time Department of Geography faculty member who will act as your mentor and supervise your work. This statement needs to include the following information:

- 1) The research question: As you can best articulate it.
- 2) The research claim (hypothesis): State what might be your best guess as to the answer to the question(s) you pose.
- 3) The rationale: Why would the answer to this question be important?
- 4) A brief outline of the methods to be used to collect and analyze data.

Your final research report will include the following sections: introduction, background and theory, research design (methods), findings (results), discussion, conclusions and references (bibliography). It is suggested that your paper follow the format used in the journal articles you list in your bibliography.

Once you and your mentor agree to the terms of the project, which may include regular meetings, both of you must sign the document and present the original document to the undergraduate Geography adviser who will only then enter permission for you to register. Keep a copy for yourself and your mentor.

I agree to supervise this student's work as described.

I will complete the work within the time constraints and parameters imposed by my faculty mentor.

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Faculty member's signature and date

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Student's signature and date

**\*In addition to this contract a completed Internship Packet is required prior to registration.**