

Directions

Learning Contract

Meet with your Faculty Sponsor to discuss and complete the learning contract. You and your Faculty Sponsor should work together to plan all aspects of your independent project. In order to be approved for independent study in summer, you must be in good academic standing. In addition, you must have completed some previous work which directly relates to the methodology and subject matter of the project. You may not pursue as an independent study a topic that is covered in a regular course or a learning opportunity that meets the criteria of the definition of an internship.

Following are the requirements for the independent project learning contract:

- \* List three to six learning objectives for your project; things you expect to have learned by the completion of your independent study.
- \* List at least one strategy for each learning objective; specific actions you propose to take in order to accomplish the corresponding learning objective.
- \* List methods by which you and your Faculty Sponsor will evaluate the stages of your progress; specific ways in which you will demonstrate what you have learned and the bases on which the Faculty Sponsor will evaluate your progress.
- \* Where appropriate, list target completion dates for your objectives. These dates may correspond with summer meeting times planned with your Faculty Sponsor.
- \* Describe your final project; e.g., a paper, several essays, a public presentation, and the date by which you will complete the project.
- \* If you want to earn more than four credits for the project please include, on a separate piece of paper, a detailed rationale for the additional credit.

After you, the Faculty Sponsor, and the Chair of the department in which you will register for the independent project have read and signed the learning contract, submit it to the Summer Study Office (215 Weyerhaeuser) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 25. The contract will be reviewed and you will be informed of the decision by May 2, 2008.

Registration Form

Once you receive notice that your independent project has been approved, you may pick up your contract in the Summer Study Office. Bring the completed independent study registration form with you to be signed at the Summer Study Office. You may not register without the signed registration form and a parent/student waiver signed by you **and** a parent or guardian. The deadline for summer independent study registration is Friday, May 23, 2008.

Contact Lynn Hertz in the Summer Study Office at x6330 with any questions.

Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Faculty Sponsor and the student:**

- \* jointly design the learning contract
- \* meet on a weekly basis during the project, and more often if needed
- \* agree on the manner and timetable for evaluating each aspect of the project

OFF CAMPUS PROJECTS: faculty sponsor and student are expected to meet several times prior to the project and to stay in contact during the summer for guidance and evaluation.

ADDITIONAL CREDIT: students applying to receive more than four credits for a project must include, on a separate piece of paper, a detailed rationale for the additional credit.

Learning Objectives

Strategies

Evaluation Methods

Target Completion Date

Describe any previous course work which prepares you to undertake this project:

Describe the plans you have made with your instructor for meetings or other contact before completion of the project:

Describe your final paper, presentation, etc., including completion date (All grades are due August 22, 2008)

**Faculty Sponsor:** I concur with all components of this learning contract. In my judgment, the student is adequately prepared to meet the terms of the contract, and I agree to work with the student to ensure that its objectives, strategies and methods are carried out.

Sponsor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student:** I concur with the plans contained in this contract, and agree to carry out the objectives strategies and methods of the contract promptly and to the best of my ability.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Chair:** I have read this learning contract, and attest that its components meet the standards and expectations for independent study in my department.

Chair's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_