

Eastern Illinois University  
**NEW/REVISED COURSE PROPOSAL FORMAT**  
(Approved by CAA on 9/29/11 and CGS on 10/18/11, Effective Fall 2011)

This format is to be used for all courses submitted to the Council on Academic Affairs and/or the Council on Graduate Studies.

**Please check one:**      ☒ New course      ☐ Revised course

**PART I: CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

1. **Course prefix and number, such as ART 1000:** HST 5990
2. **Title (may not exceed 30 characters, including spaces):** Independent Study
3. **Long title, if any (may not exceed 100 characters, including spaces):** N/A
4. **Class hours per week, lab hours per week, and credit [e.g., (3-0-3)]:** Arr.-Arr.-1 to 6
5. **Term(s) to be offered:** ☒ Fall ☒ Spring ☒ Summer ☐ On demand
6. **Initial term of offering:** ☒ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer      **Year:** 2014
7. **Course description:** An intensive individual study on a topic selected by student under the supervision of a faculty member within the area of interest in health promotion and leadership. The student must present an individual study plan for approval by the department chair and faculty supervisor prior to registration. HST 5990 can be repeated for up to 6 semester hours of independent study credit. A maximum of nine semester hours may be earned in a combination of HST 5990 and HST 5950.
8. **Registration restrictions:**
  - a. **Equivalent Courses**
    - **Identify any equivalent courses** (e.g., cross-listed course, non-honors version of an honors course).  
N/A
    - Indicate whether coding should be added to Banner to restrict students from registering for the equivalent course(s) of this course. ☐ Yes ☒ No
  - b. **Prerequisite(s)**
    - **Identify the prerequisite(s)**, including required test scores, courses, grades in courses, and technical skills. Indicate whether any prerequisite course(s) MAY be taken concurrently with the proposed/revised course.  
  
Only students enrolled as degree seeking candidates in the Master of Science in Health Promotion and Leadership are eligible.
    - Indicate whether coding should be added to Banner to prevent students from registering for this course if they haven't successfully completed the prerequisite course(s). ☐ Yes ☒ No  
  
If yes, identify the minimum grade requirement and any equivalent courses for each prerequisite course:
  - c. **Who can waive the prerequisite(s)?**  
☒ No one      ☐ Chair      ☐ Instructor      ☐ Advisor      ☐ Other (Please specify)
  - d. **Co-requisites** (course(s) which MUST be taken concurrently with this one): N/A

e. **Repeat status:** ☐ Course may not be repeated.

☒ Course may be repeated once with credit.

Please also specify the limit (if any) on hours which may be applied to a major or minor.

5990 may be repeated for up to 6 semester hours. A maximum of nine semester hours may be earned in a combination of 5990 (Independent Study) and 5950 (Thesis).

f. **Degree, college, major(s), level, or class** to which registration in the course is restricted, if any:

Only students enrolled as degree seeking candidates in the Master of Science in Health Promotion and Leadership are eligible.

g. **Degree, college, major(s), level, or class** to be excluded from the course, if any:

9. **Special course attributes** [cultural diversity, general education (indicate component), honors, remedial, writing centered or writing intensive]

N/A

10. **Grading methods** (check all that apply): ☐ Standard letter ☒ CR/NC ☐ Audit ☐ ABC/NC (“Standard letter”—i.e., ABCDF—is assumed to be the default grading method unless the course description indicates otherwise.)

**Please check any special grading provision that applies to this course:**

☐ The grade for this course will not count in a student’s grade point average.

☐ The credit for this course will not count in hours towards graduation.

**If the student already has credit for or is registered in an equivalent or mutually exclusive course, check any that apply:**

☐ The grade for this course will be removed from the student’s grade point average if he/she already has credit for or is registered in  (insert course prefix and number).

☐ Credit hours for this course will be removed from a student’s hours towards graduation if he/she already has credit for or is registered in  (insert course prefix and number).

11. **Instructional delivery method:** (Check all that apply.)

☐ lecture ☐ lab ☐ lecture/lab combined ☒ independent study/research  
☐ internship ☐ performance ☐ practicum or clinical ☐ study abroad  
☐ Internet ☐ hybrid ☐ other (Please specify)

## PART II: ASSURANCE OF STUDENT LEARNING

**1. List the student learning objectives of this course:**

1. Develop the ability to conduct literature searches through the library and internet
2. Develop a bibliography of research articles pertinent to the area or topic of focus
3. Develop a portfolio of research articles and their summaries
4. Develop a comprehensive understanding of a specific aspect of the topic
5. Develop capacity to pose effective research questions and hypotheses
6. Develop understanding of statistical analyses and interpretations
7. Develop and improve technical writing and oral presentation skills, as well as research proposal writing
8. Develop and pursue unique research question(s)
9. Prepare a research report for submission to professional meeting
10. Prepare an article for submission to journal

**a. If this is a general education course, indicate which objectives are designed to help students achieve one or more of the following goals of general education and university-wide assessment:**

- **EIU graduates will write and speak effectively.**
- **EIU graduates will think critically.**
- **EIU graduates will function as responsible citizens.**

N/A

**b. If this is a graduate-level course, indicate which objectives are designed to help students achieve established goals for learning at the graduate level:**

- **Depth of content knowledge**
- **Effective critical thinking and problem solving**
- **Effective oral and written communication**
- **Advanced scholarship through research or creative activity**

<b>Student Learning Outcomes: As a result of completing this course, students will be able to:</b>	<b>Graduate Learning Goals</b>
Develop the ability to conduct literature searches through the library and internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depth of content knowledge</li> <li>• Advanced scholarship through research or creative activity</li> </ul>
Develop a bibliography of research articles pertinent to the area or topic of focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depth of content knowledge</li> <li>• Advanced scholarship through research or creative activity</li> </ul>
Develop a portfolio of research articles and their summaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depth of content knowledge</li> <li>• Advanced scholarship through research or creative activity</li> </ul>
Develop a comprehensive understanding of a specific aspect of the topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depth of content knowledge</li> </ul>
Develop capacity to pose effective research questions and hypotheses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced scholarship through research or creative activity</li> </ul>
Develop understanding of statistical analyses and interpretations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced scholarship through research or creative activity</li> <li>• Effective critical thinking and problem solving</li> </ul>

Develop and improve technical writing and oral presentation skills, as well as research proposal writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective oral and written communication</li> </ul>
Develop and pursue unique research question(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective oral and written communication</li> <li>• Effective critical thinking and problem solving</li> </ul>
Prepare a research report for submission to professional meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective oral and written communication</li> </ul>
Prepare an article for submission to journal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective oral and written communication</li> </ul>

**2. Identify the assignments/activities the instructor will use to determine how well students attained the learning objectives:**

All candidates completing an independent study will be required to follow the policies outlined in the Graduate Research section of the Graduate Catalog. These requirements include submission of a proposal for an independent study to the graduate faculty mentor. Proposals for an independent study include a statement of the goals of the project and a description of the intended final product of the project. Proposals must be on file in the department and be approved by the faculty advisor and coordinator of graduate studies or department chair prior to registration for the course.

Faculty mentors and faculty involved with the independent study project will assess the work of the candidate on above listed objectives and learning goals based on the merits of the proposal.

**3. Explain how the instructor will determine students' grades for the course:**

All candidates will receive deferred credit (DC) until the independent study project is completed to the satisfaction of the assigned mentor. The mentor will request a change of grade to credit after the mentor and faculty members associated with the project have agreed that the project has been completed as outlined in the approved plan.

**4. For technology-delivered and other nontraditional-delivered courses/sections, address the following:**

- Describe how the format/technology will be used to support and assess students' achievement of the specified learning objectives:**
- Describe how the integrity of student work will be assured:**
- Describe provisions for and requirements of instructor-student and student-student interaction, including the kinds of technologies that will be used to support the interaction (e.g., e-mail, web-based discussions, computer conferences, etc.):**

N/A

**5. For courses numbered 4750-4999, specify additional or more stringent requirements for students enrolling for graduate credit. These include:**

- course objectives;**
- projects that require application and analysis of the course content; and**
- separate methods of evaluation for undergraduate and graduate students.**

N/A

- 6. If applicable, indicate whether this course is writing-active, writing-intensive, or writing-centered, and describe how the course satisfies the criteria for the type of writing course identified. (See Appendix \*.)**

N/A

### **PART III: OUTLINE OF THE COURSE**

**Provide a week-by-week outline of the course's content. Specify units of time (e.g., for a 3-0-3 course, 45 fifty-minute class periods over 15 weeks) for each major topic in the outline. Provide clear and sufficient details about content and procedures so that possible questions of overlap with other courses can be addressed. For technology-delivered or other nontraditional-delivered courses/sections, explain how the course content "units" are sufficiently equivalent to the traditional on-campus semester hour units of time described above.**

The outline of the Independent Study course's content will vary with topic, student interest, and faculty mentor. However, candidates approved to pursue an independent study will be required to follow the guidelines specified in the Graduate Research Section of the Graduate Catalog.

These requirements include:

- Completion of sufficient course work to warrant independent study in the field
- Designation of a faculty mentor
- Approval of a proposal of sufficient rigor to pursue an independent study
- Deposit of the proposal with the department chair or department approved designation

### **PART IV: PURPOSE AND NEED**

- 1. Explain the department's rationale for developing and proposing the course.**

The independent study serves as an option for selected candidates to develop specialized expertise and scholarship in the discipline and is initiated after these candidates have completed sufficient study to engage in such a rigorous investigation.

- a. If this is a general education course, you also must indicate the segment of the general education program into which it will be placed, and describe how the course meets the requirements of that segment. N/A**
- b. If the course or some sections of the course may be technology delivered, explain why. N/A**

- 2. Justify the level of the course and any course prerequisites, co-requisites, or registration restrictions.**

The independent study serves as an option for selected candidates to develop specialized expertise and scholarship in the discipline and is initiated after these candidates have completed sufficient study to engage in such a rigorous investigation. HST 5990 will not be considered equivalent to any required course.

- 3. If the course is similar to an existing course or courses, justify its development and offering.**

- a. **If the contents substantially duplicate those of an existing course, the new proposal should be discussed with the appropriate chairpersons, deans, or curriculum committees and their responses noted in the proposal. N/A**
- b. **Cite course(s) to be deleted if the new course is approved. If no deletions are planned, note the exceptional need to be met or the curricular gap to be filled. N/A**

**4. Impact on Program(s):**

- a. **For undergraduate programs, specify whether this course will be required for a major or minor or used as an approved elective. N/A**
- b. **For graduate programs, specify whether this course will be a core requirement for all candidates in a degree or certificate program or an approved elective.**

The independent study will be an approved elective for candidates granted this opportunity.

**If the proposed course changes a major, minor, or certificate program in or outside of the department, you must submit a separate proposal requesting that change along with the course proposal. Provide a copy of the existing program in the current catalog with the requested changes noted. N/A**

**PART V: IMPLEMENTATION**

**1. Faculty member(s) to whom the course may be assigned:**

**If this is a graduate course and the department does not currently offer a graduate program, it must document that it employs faculty qualified to teach graduate courses.**

All faculty members who are member of the Graduate Faculty may serve as an independent study mentor or serve on a committee to support the candidate's study. The program currently has a sufficient number of graduate faculty members to support independent study.

**2. Additional costs to students:**

**Include those for supplemental packets, hardware/software, or any other additional instructional, technical, or technological requirements. (Course fees must be approved by the President's Council.)**

There will not be additional costs to students. Students who may require research funds or travel funds may apply to the Graduate School Research Grants Program or Williams Travel Grants Program.

**3. Text and supplementary materials to be used (Include publication dates): N/A**

**PART VI: COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER**

**If the proposed course is a 1000- or 2000-level course, state either, "A community college course may be judged equivalent to this course" OR "A community college course will not be judged equivalent to this course." A community college course will not be judged equivalent to a 3000- or 4000-level course but may be accepted as a substitute; however, upper-division credit will not be awarded.**

N/A

## PART VII: APPROVALS

**Date approved by the department or school: 10/24/13**

**Date approved by the college curriculum committee: 11/11/13**

**Date approved by the Honors Council (*if this is an honors course*):**

**Date approved by CAA: CGS:**

\*In **writing-active courses**, frequent, brief writing activities and assignments are required. Such activities -- some of which are to be graded -- might include five-minute in-class writing assignments, journal keeping, lab reports, essay examinations, short papers, longer papers, or a variety of other writing-to-learn activities of the instructor's invention. Writing assignments and activities in writing-active courses are designed primarily to assist students in mastering course content, secondarily to strengthen students' writing skills. In **writing-intensive courses**, several writing assignments and writing activities are required. These assignments and activities, which are to be spread over the course of the semester, serve the dual purpose of strengthening writing skills and deepening understanding of course content. At least one writing assignment is to be revised by the student after it has been read and commented on by the instructor. In writing-intensive courses, students' writing should constitute no less than 35% of the final course grade. In **writing-centered courses** (English 1001G, English 1002G, and their honors equivalents), students learn the principles and the process of writing in all of its stages, from inception to completion. The quality of students' writing is the principal determinant of the course grade. The minimum writing requirement is 20 pages (5,000 words).

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