

Independent Study Contract - Psychological Science Ph.D. Program

Student: _____ Faculty Advisor: _____ Semester: _____ Course No: _____ Hours Enrolled: _____

In consultation with your adviser, please insert information about your specific activities that correspond with and support each program goal. If your independent study activities include analyzing data from a research project and reading primary source material in a specific area, then you would note this under goals # 2 and #3 similar to the following examples. Under #3, "(Student Name) will analyze data from the source monitoring memory development project using multivariate analysis of variance". For the reading activities, under #2, you would describe the readings to be read and evaluated, such as "(Student Name) will read and evaluate the research findings and interpretations of 12 papers examining preschool and grade-school children's ability to monitor the source of information. Summaries of each paper, including details of the procedures, stimuli, results, and evaluation of the interpretations will be written". Your independent study is not required to include activities that meet all 5 goals, but you should specify all the activities and where these activities fit within the program goals. If you are taking an independent study course for 3 semester hours credit, then you should expect to devote 9 hours/ week during spring and fall semesters (15 weeks). During the summer 12-week semester, you should devote 11.33 hours/week for 3 credit hours of coursework. Keep a copy of these independent study contracts for your records and submit one to the BBS Graduate School office to be kept in your file.

Program Goal	Specific Activities	Evaluation (A=exceeds expectations, B=meets expectations, C=below expectations)
1. Students will recognize and distinguish among fundamental concepts and theories in psychological sciences.		
2. Students will compare, summarize, and critically evaluate research findings and theories in their major area of study.		
3. Students will apply appropriate analytic and experimental design methodologies.		
4. Students will design, implement, and interpret research studies and communicate research findings.		
5. Students will demonstrate the ability to teach in psychological sciences		

Overall Evaluation (A, B, or C as above): _____