

## Independent Study Contract

**Department** Theatre Arts \_\_\_\_\_

**Student** \_\_\_\_\_

*Only students in good standing may enroll for an independent study.*

**Faculty Supervisor** \_\_\_\_\_

*Faculty (tenure-track, clinical-track, or visiting) at the rank of assistant professor or higher and faculty at the rank of lecturer may supervise independent study courses.*

### Independent Study Agreement

Semester and year of enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Course number of independent study - Course: THTR:4693 Section Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hours (*maximum of 9*) \_\_\_\_\_

Honors course      Yes      No

### Outline of Student Assignments and Responsibilities

*The student and instructor should have a clear agreement on the required assignments and responsibilities for the successful completion of the independent study. Please list or attach those before beginning the course.*

**Student** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Supervisor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*Bring a signed copy of this contract to the Department of Theatre Arts Main Office.*

## Teaching Policies & Resources — CLAS Undergraduate Independent Study Policies

<https://clas.uiowa.edu/faculty/teaching-policies-resources-undergraduate-independent-study-policies>

Unless granted a specific exception by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Curriculum, departments must comply with the following policies:

- Only undergraduate students in **good** standing may enroll in an independent study course.
- Faculty (tenure-track, clinical-track, or visiting) at the rank of assistant professor or higher and faculty at the rank of lecturer may supervise independent study courses.
- The content of the independent study should focus on a project proposed by the student under the guidance of an instructor.
- **The content of an independent study course may not duplicate a course offered or a requirement for a major or other program of study. Rather, the independent study gives a student a chance to explore an interest not covered in the curriculum.**
- Likewise, **an independent study should not be used for tutoring a student or for offering other remedial instruction.** Instead, an independent study allows a student and faculty member to work on projects or areas of study not generally studied in the department's curriculum.
- Teaching assistants are not allowed to teach or assist in teaching independent studies.
- Credit hours earned for an independent study must meet the UI credit hour guidelines.
- The CLAS independent study contract should be used for any of the above independent courses and should be signed by both the instructor and the student. The contract must specify the content of the independent study. The department must keep all contracts on file.
- If the student is completing an independent study in a department in which he/she is not a major, a copy of the contract should be sent to the student's advisor in the student's home department.
- CLAS students may include **no more than 9 s.h.** of independent study, independent research, independent readings, or independent creative/project courses in the minimum 120 semester hours required for graduation. **Practica, capstone courses, internships, GIS courses, and Honors Thesis and Honors Project hours are not considered independent study courses** and are not included in the 9 s.h. limit.
- Hours earned through any independent study offering count toward the CLAS limit of 56 s.h. from one department that may be applied toward the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.
- An independent study does not require a course evaluation or syllabus. Instead, the independent study contract and report are required.