Registration/Permission Form for Independent Study Courses  
School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
*Effective as of Fall 2019*

Date: __________________     Semester: ______________________     Major: ________________________

Student Name: ______________________________________  Student ID: ________________________

Email: ________________________  Phone: ________________

**Please return to the front desk of the BBS Advising office by the LAST DAY TO ADD A CLASS for the requested semester. Refer to the UTD Academic Calendar for specific dates.**

The following courses (including those on the subsequent page) fall under general “independent study” in terms of University rules. Students may enroll in no more than a total of 6 semester credit hours (SCH) of independent study courses during one semester. There is a University limit on the number of total hours that can be accumulated across Independent Study courses: 12 SCH or 20% of total UTD SCH, whichever is smaller.

• **4v98 Directed Research:** (1-3 credit hours) Prefix can be CGS, CLDP, NSC, SPAU or PSY. Student assists faculty with research projects or conducts a research project under weekly faculty supervision. Requires working at least 45 hours per semester credit hour. Taken on a Credit/No Credit basis only. May be repeated up to 9 hours total.

• **4v96 Teaching Internship:** (1-3 credit hours) Prefix can be CGS, CLDP, NSC, PSY or SPAU. Student works individually with faculty members in preparing and presenting course materials and tutoring students. Requires working at least 45 hours per semester credit hour. Must have completed the relevant course with a grade of at least B and have a UT Dallas GPA of at least 3.000. Permission of instructor and department required. Must complete online Compliance Training. Taken on a Credit/No Credit basis only. May be repeated up to 6 hours total.

• **4v99 Individual Study:** (1-3 credit hours) Prefix can be CGS, CLDP, NSC, PSY or SPAU. Faculty guides student in individualized course of study that involves weekly reading, writing and discussion. Requires working at least 45 hours per semester credit hour. Taken on a Credit/No Credit basis only. May be repeated up to 6 hours total.

• **4390 Directed Research & Writing (GRADED):** (3 credit hours) Prefix can be CGS, CLDP, NSC or PSY. Student conducts research under weekly faculty supervision and completes laboratory projects and written activities with feedback. The supervising faculty member and student will outline requirements and goals for successful completion of directed research projects prior to the start of the semester. Course is graded. May be repeated up to 6 hours total.

• **4391 Individual Study (GRADED):** (3 credit hours) Prefix can be CGS, CLDP, NSC or PSY. Student studies advanced topics under weekly faculty direction and completes assigned readings, independent readings, and a written paper. The supervising faculty member and student will outline requirements and goals for successful completion of directed research projects prior to the start of the semester. Course is graded. May be repeated for credit as topics vary (6 semester credit hours maximum for 4390 and 4391 combined). Instructor consent required.

• **PSY 4098 Directed Research:** (0 credit hours) Course not offered for CGS, CLDP, NSC, or SPAU. Student assists faculty with research projects or conducts a research project under weekly faculty supervision. Course is credit/no credit only. May be repeated as topics vary (3 times maximum). Instructor consent required.

• **PSY 4099 Individual Study:** (0 credit hours) Course not offered for CGS, CLDP, NSC, or SPAU. Student studies advanced topics under weekly faculty supervision. Course is credit/no credit only. May be repeated as topics vary (3 times maximum). Instructor consent required.

Course Prefix and #:______________________ Section # ________ Class# ___________ Credit Hours (1-3):_____

Title of Lab: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Supervising Professor’s Name (Please PRINT):_____________________________________________________

Supervising Professor’s Signature:______________________________________ Date:_________________

Student Signature:______________________________________ Date:_________________

**By signing, the student gives the BBS office permission to register them for the above noted Independent Study course(s). **

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The following Independent Study courses do not require completion of this form. Please refer to the corresponding contact information for enrollment.

- **NSC 4v95 Externship:** (1-3 semester hours) Students earn course credit for directed research performed at approved laboratories at UT Southwestern or other local neuroscience centers. Student must obtain permission from a supervising NSC faculty member at UT Dallas. Taken on a credit/no credit basis only. May be repeated up to 9 hours total. **Contact Mickey Choate to register for the course (mchoate@utdallas.edu).**

- **4394 Internship:** Prefix can be CGS, CLDP, NSC, PSY or SPAU (4396). Students earn course credit for field experience in an applied setting. Requires working at least 8 hours per week at an approved community agency or business of the student's choice. Students keep daily job diaries, attend two class meeting per month, and write brief papers relevant to their experiences. Open to students with a GPA of at least 2.5 who have reached junior or senior standing (more than 53 hours). Credit/No Credit only. **Contact Janie Shipman (jane.shipman@utdallas.edu) for approved site list and to register for the course.**

- **4395 Co-op Fieldwork:** Prefix can be CGS, CLDP, or PSY. Students earn course credit for field experience in an approved business or government setting. Requires working at least 135 hours in the field. Students will keep a journal of their workplace experience, maintain contact with the instructor, and prepare a written report that focuses on the accomplishments and insights gained through their co-op experience. Credit will not be awarded retroactively. May repeat for up to six hours total. Credit/No Credit only. **Contact Mickey Choate to register for the course (mchoate@utdallas.edu).**

- **4397 Thesis Research:** Prefix can be CGS, CLDP, NSC, PSY or SPAU. An independent study course in which the student writes an honors thesis under faculty supervision. Taken for a letter grade. **Contact Lindsey Boeshans (lindsey.boeshans@utdallas.edu) for Honors Thesis Application and/or more information.**