

Department of Political Science and Geography

Application for Undergraduate Independent Study, Independent Research, Directed Study
GEO or POLS 496 or 497

Independent Study or Research affords students the opportunity for advanced study or research under the direction of a faculty member. Students only enroll in Independent Study or Research if a suitable course in the specific area is not offered at ODU. Students must make their own arrangement with a faculty member in advance of the semester of the semester they wish to enroll. A maximum of three hours of Independent Study or Research can be counted toward major degree requirements in Geography or Political Science.

Requirements to apply for Independent Study:

Junior or senior status

Good academic standing: overall GPA of 2.0 and major GPA of 2.5

Deadline for submission of application: end of first week of each semester

Project title _____

Your name _____ UIN _____ E-mail _____

Year _____ Major _____ Overall GPA _____ Major GPA _____

Supervising instructor _____ Independent study credit hours (1 – 3) _____

Attachments (usually 1 -2 pages)

- Project title and description
- Statement of your academic preparation for the project
- Specific requirements as agreed with your supervising instructor
- Deadline for completion (normally the last day of class for the term)

Student signature _____ Date _____

Supervising instructor signature _____ Date _____

Department chair signature _____ Date _____