

# MILR Independent Study Proposal (ILR 7990)

An Independent Study Proposal must be developed in consultation with a faculty supervisor to cover material not addressed in regularly scheduled courses. Submission of this form indicates the student and faculty supervisor have agreed to the information stated below. All Independent Study Proposals must be approved by the Graduate Committee at which time you will be manually enrolled in the course. You must submit this completed form to the ILR Graduate Office in 218 Ives prior to the start of the semester you plan to take the course.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ NetID: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours (1-3): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Option: Letter grade only

Working Title of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

## Proposal:

Please include the following in your attached proposal:

1. A concise statement describing what you propose to study
2. A statement of your research question or hypothesis
3. An explanation of your research question or hypothesis and its importance in relationship to the extant research, and a description of the methodology you will use to answer your research question or hypotheses. If you plan to conduct interviews or a survey, for example, please provide the committee with a sample of the questions you will ask, how you will recruit your subjects, and how you propose to analyze your data.
4. The specific deliverables your independent study will accomplish
5. A list of articles and books that you will be using for the project. This need not be exhaustive but the committee would like to know what materials you will be reading and discussing with the supervising faculty member.

## Resources to be used (check all that apply):

Primary documents and archived material

Surveys - To how many respondents? \_\_\_\_\_

Interviews - With approximately how many people? \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Statement:** Supervising faculty member must attach or email [ilrgradprograms@cornell.edu](mailto:ilrgradprograms@cornell.edu) a brief statement of support and indicate how this project will advance the student's learning.

## Signatures & Approvals:

I have reviewed this request and recommend approval to the Graduate Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Instructor printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Instructor signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I understand this policy and certify the above and attached information is correct and true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For Office Use Only:** Graduate Committee Decision \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_