

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE PROGRAM

MLIS 7950 - - INDEPENDENT STUDY IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Course Description: Supervised readings in areas of library and information science not normally available in regular course offerings, with regular conferences between instructor and student.

Purpose: The purpose of MLIS 7950, Independent Study, is to provide a formal mechanism for students to receive graduate credit for the conduct of research or the study of a special topic, under faculty guidance and supervision. MLIS 7950 requires consent of the instructor and the student's advisor.

Procedures

1. The student confers with the instructor to identify a topic and focus for the course, choose a culminating product, delineate first readings on the topic, and schedule regular conferences and deadline dates.
2. The student creates a formal proposal outlining the course in sufficient detail so that the dimensions and approach of the course are clear. The proposal must contain the following information, on the Proposal for Independent Study form below:
 - a. title and general statement of problem
 - b. description of the product (a bibliography, a paper, a computer program, etc.)
 - c. list of first readings
 - d. a schedule of conferences between the student and instructor
 - e. deadline dates
3. A copy of proposal and of the final product will be placed in the student's file. These materials will be reviewed during accreditation visits.
4. MLIS 7950 is intended to be used to study subject matter which is not normally available in regular course offerings.

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INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL

Student's Name:

Complete Address: _SSN#_

Phone (Home)_

Phone (Work)_

Description of scope and magnitude of project and resulting production (Research paper, bibliography, computer program, etc.)

Statement of Agreement:

I agree to complete the independent study project outlined above during _____ Semester 20____,
under the supervision of _____ for 3 semester hours of credit under MLIS
7950.

Student Signature/Date

Instructor Signature/Date

Advisor Signature/Date

Copies: Original to student file; Photocopies to instructor, advisor, student