Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Science
INDIVIDUAL STUDY PROPOSAL FORM

Please complete this form and obtain signatures of approval BEFORE registering. Return the form to the Academic Advisor for the Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Science in Shantz 429F. This form is for department records and is used to assign a grade at the end of the semester. If your proposal is approved, the Department will register you for Individual Study. Reminder: The last day to register for courses without a $250 late charge in the Fall/Spring Semesters is the 21st day after the first day of classes; for Winter/Summer Sessions (to avoid a $50 late charge) register by the day before the last day to drop with deletion from the record. Please print legibly; illegible forms cannot be processed.

Student Name ______________________ Student ID #____________________

Student Phone #__________________ Student E-mail_____________________

Course Number (circle one)

- Preceptorship 191 291 391 491 591 691 791
- Directed Research 392 492
- Internship 193 293 393 493 593 693 793
- Practicum 194 294 394 494 594 694 794
- Senior Capstone/Honors Thesis 498/H
- Independent Study 199 299 399 499 599 699 799
- Research 900
- Master’s Report 909
- Master’s Thesis 910
- Dissertation 920

Number of Units_________ [the standard is 45 hours of course work for each unit of credit awarded.]

Semester________________ Year__________________________

Project Advisor________________________________________

Project Title__________________________________________

Estimated hours per week Student will spend on project ________________

Estimated Project Advisor/Student contact hours per week ________________

Attach a description of the project, including anticipated product (see policy #5):

SIGNATURES:

Required:

STUDENT________________________________________________DATE________

PROJECT ADVISOR_______________________________________DATE________

Suggested:

DEGREE ADVISOR________________________________________DATE________

DEPT. HEAD____________________________________________DATE________

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Policies for Individual Study

Updated with policies & guidelines approved by Faculty Senate, 5/5/08; with link to Honors Guidelines, 5/19/09

1. **Determination of credit**: The University and Board of Regents require a minimum of 45 hours of course work for each unit of credit awarded.

2. **The number of credits of Individual Study** must lie within the approved credit range listed in the catalog course description.

3. **The content of an Individual Study course** must not significantly duplicate material offered in a regularly scheduled course in the department in the current semester; any exceptions must be approved by the college dean.

4. **Departments and programs must have an Individual Study proposal form** modeled on this approved template that is to be completed when the student enrolls in the course or at the beginning of the term.

5. **For an undergraduate Individual Study course**, the instructor or project advisor must provide either a course syllabus or a project plan detailing: (1) learning outcomes, (2) expected reading, or lab or field work, (3) expected meetings, (4) expected work products, and (5) criteria to be used for evaluation and grading.
   a. **All proposal forms and project plans** must be signed by the instructor and the student and filed in the department or program office within a week after the term commences.
   b. **At the end of the term**, or whenever the student completes the project, the instructor or project advisor must complete a record of the outcome that explains the grade submitted. The record of outcome form with the instructor’s signature should be filed in the department or program office when the course grade is submitted.

6. **If students are paid in association with an Individual Study course**, academic credit can be awarded only for faculty-approved academic work as defined by department policy.

7. **If registration for an Individual Study course occurs after the twenty-first day** of the regular semester, after the first two days of Winter Session or Pre-session, or after the first week of a Summer Session, the department head (or designee) must sign the Change of Schedule form, in addition to the instructor.

8. **If a grade of Incomplete is awarded for an Individual Study course at the end of the term**, another Project Advisor must be identified who agrees to evaluate the student’s work, should the original Project Advisor become unavailable.

**Guidelines for Individual Study**

1. The student should have a specific proposal or project in mind when requesting an Individual Study course.

2. **University Honors students** requesting Honors Individual Study and the faculty who agree to supervise them should consult the Guidelines for Honors Independent Studies ([http://www.honors.arizona.edu/HonorsAcademics/Policies/IndvStudies.htm](http://www.honors.arizona.edu/HonorsAcademics/Policies/IndvStudies.htm)) as endorsed by the Undergraduate Council, 4/7/2009.

3. The enrollment fee for Individual Study credit is calculated at the same rate as for other credit courses.

4. Students should enroll within the first three weeks of the Fall and Spring Semesters or immediately after the beginning of Winter or Summer Sessions. Students must complete the required 45 hours of course work per credit unit before the last day of the term. The last day to register for Individual Study in Fall and Spring Semesters without incurring a late charge is the same as for all other courses; see [http://www.bursar.arizona.edu/students/fees/census](http://www.bursar.arizona.edu/students/fees/census) and [http://www.bursar.arizona.edu/students/fees/late_charge.asp](http://www.bursar.arizona.edu/students/fees/late_charge.asp).