

HST 399 Independent Study Contract
Semester: _____
Credits: _____

Name: _____
Advisor Name: _____

Independent Study Parameters:

An independent study offers students the opportunity to pursue the study of history on a topic of their choosing. Independent studies vary widely depending upon the choice of topic, the parameters for reading and/or research agreed upon with the project advisor, and the number of credits requested.

1. **Definition of the Project:** Students will identify a historical problem for study and decide upon a course of reading, research, or other project goals with the advisor.
2. **Scope:** Research should include primary and/or secondary sources as appropriate to the project. A 3-credit independent study should have work commensurate with the workload involved in a regular 3-credit class.
3. **Historical Context:** Students will explore the topic discussed in its proper historical context
4. **Historiography:** For research projects, students will situate their interpretations into the proper historiographical context.
5. **Timeline:** Students will work out with their advisor a timeline for advisor meetings, an reading and/or written work required, and a final due date and submit this form to the History Department. Students are expected to meet regularly with the project advisor over the course of the term.
6. **Documentation:** Proper citations and bibliography in Chicago Manual of Style format.
7. **Advisor:** Students are expected to work closely with a faculty advisor. Faculty sign off must be present before one can be granted a registration permit for the course.

Working Project Title: _____

Meeting frequency: _____

Readings:

Project Deadlines:

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Faculty Signature: _____

Date: _____