

Permission for Directed Study in Communication COMM 4930

COMM 4930:

- Non-traditional format: Individual student professor interaction
- 1-3 hrs. Repeatable for maximum 6 hours credit
- Prerequisite: COMM/SPCM 3300 or COMM/SPCM 3700
- Semester Course Offered: fall, spring and summer every year
- Grading system: A-F (Traditional)

A directed study is a privilege that can be extended by a faculty member to a student who is interested in exploring a particular course's subject matter in more depth or in working with the student on a research study. Students should not assume that they will have the opportunity to do a directed reading/study. Rather, such opportunities are rare and up to the discretion of the professor. All completed forms should be turned in to the Academic Advisor in 616 Caldwell Hall. The forms will be kept on file by the Undergraduate Coordinator.

Student Information (to be completed by student):

Student name: _____

Student Email: _____

Student 81#: _____

Completed COMM/SPCM 3300 or COMM/SPCM 3700? Yes No

Number of COMM 4930 hours taking (1-3hrs):

Semester and year for Directed Study credit: _____

Course Proposal (to be completed cooperatively by professor and student):

Attach a typed, two-page description of what the course will entail. In the description, be sure to **note how the student and professor plan to interact on a regular basis**. Below are three models to be used as guidance.

#1: Creative/Scholarly Project

In this model, the student will develop a major creative project (scholarly paper, a research experiment, an event, etc.). The independent study will include a series of checkpoint assignments along the way to the final project. These assignments should be conceived from the beginning and described in the proposal.

#2: Literature Review

This model allows a student to deepen her understanding of a topic or line of inquiry in a sustained and focused manner. The chosen topic will typically be an extension of something introduced in a previous class under the professor supervising the independent study. Students applying for this type of independent study should present a rationale for pursuing this topic. The instructor and student should work together to present a core reading list as well as a list of major assignments (reviews, comparisons, etc.).

#3: Research Practicum

This model represents an opportunity for the student to aid in an instructor's ongoing program of research in a mutually beneficial relationship. Care should be taken that the student undergo instruction in addition to a hands-on experience in academic research. The student should produce assignments that reflect intellectual growth throughout the process. The course should also include a series of readings that complement the practical work. The application should specifically list these assignments and how they will integrate with the anticipated research tasks.

Permissions to add COMM 4930:

Student signature of agreement _____ Date: _____

Supervising Professor (please print): _____

Professor signature of approval: _____ Date: _____

Undergraduate Coordinator's signature of approval _____ Date: _____

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