

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CONTRACT FOR COMM8990 (Directed Study)**

This document must be completed by the graduate student, signed by the faculty sponsor, and submitted to the Graduate Coordinator by the end of the drop/add period of the semester during which the proposed coursework is to be completed.

Graduate Student's Name: _____

Semester and Year of Proposed Work: _____

Graduate Credit Hours to be Earned: _____

Brief Description of Study warranting 1-3 graduate credit hours (please see guidelines on reverse side of this document):

List of Attached Documents:

Student's Signature: _____

Faculty Sponsor's Signature: _____

Graduate Coordinator

Date Rec'd

Guidelines for Directed Study

One Credit Hour: Advanced submission and approval by the faculty sponsor of a substantive bibliography, independent reading on the part of the student, and two or more meetings with the faculty member over the course of the semester.

Two Credit Hours: Advanced submission and approval by the faculty sponsor of a substantive bibliography, independent reading on the part of the student, sustained writing of some kind, and frequent meetings (at least bi-monthly) with the faculty sponsor over the course of the semester.

Three Credit Hours: Normally three credit hours of independent study are reserved for course replacement (hence, full-syllabus, multiple writing assignments, and weekly meetings with the professor over the course of the semester) and independent research projects (including IRB work).