

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

This document must be completed by the graduate student, signed by the faculty sponsor and the Director of Graduate Studies, and submitted to the Graduate Program Administrator by November 1st (for Spring semester) or April 1st (for Fall semester).

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: _____

Director of Graduate Studies

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).