

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
595 SPECIAL TOPICS (INDEPENDENT STUDY)**

INSTRUCTIONS

The student should complete this form, in consultation with the instructor, and approved by the department, before registration in 595

Please consult the Graduate Guidelines 4.5 regarding the policy for independent studies.

Return this form by email to the DGS with copy to the instructor

Student's name:

 UIN:

Instructor's name:

 Instructor's 595 CRN:

Semester:

Credit Hours (Typically 4):

Purpose of SPAN / PORT 595 (please note that option # 1 does not count towards the minimum of 32 hours of coursework):

1. Prepare MA Research Paper

2. Explore a topic not offered in regularly-taught coursework
If you have checked option # 2 and want this course to count towards the 32 hours of coursework for the PhD (or for the MA in the case of PORT 595), please answer the following questions in page 2 and attach a tentative syllabus.

Director of Graduate Studies' approval:

1. General Content of Independent Study (provide a brief overview of what is to be studied):

2. Reason for Request (explain why a 595 is necessary):

3. Method of Evaluation of Student (e.g., paper, exam, annotated bibliography, percentage of grade for each assignment):

4. Number of Proposed Meetings and Duration (e.g., do the student and professor plan to meet once a week for an hour? once every two weeks?):

5. Please attach a detailed reading list or a tentative syllabus to this form.