**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: Click or tap here to enter text.

UIN: Click or tap here to enter text.

Instructor’s name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Instructor’s 595 CRN: Click or tap here to enter text.

Semester: Click or tap here to enter text.

Credit Hours (Typically 4): Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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: DGS Name

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

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?):

Click or tap here to enter text.

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