INDEPENDENT STUDY FORM
HISTORY MA PROGRAM

Personal Information:
Name: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________
UMS#: ___________________________ Phone: _____________________________
Date of Submission: __________________

Independent Study Information:
I plan to complete my Independent Study in:

FALL 20___ (year) SPRING 20___ (year)

Independent Study Required Signatures:
Independent Study Advisor Name: _____________________________
Advisor Signature: _____________________________
Graduate Program Director Signature: _____________________________

Independent Study Proposal Materials (Please include with this form):

1. Independent Study description of approximately 250 words.
   • The description must state the central topic—the ideas and concepts—you will explore. What are the intellectual goals of your work?
   • The description must explain the research/writing outcomes of the independent study. How many and what types of papers will you write?

2. Independent Study bibliography.
   • The bibliography should list secondary sources, primary sources, or theoretical texts that you plan to read in your Independent Study.

Please submit a copy of this form and all materials to the Graduate Program Director no later than two weeks before the start of the semester in which you wish to register for HIST 696.
Independent Study Overview

“Independent Study: HIST 696” is usually undertaken by students who:

1) wish to undertake a research project that cannot be done within the context of an available course; or

2) students who wish to study a specific topic that is not covered by any available course.

Students interested in pursuing an Independent Study must first approach a History faculty member in order to discuss their proposal. If the faculty member agrees to serve as a supervisor for the Independent Study, students then must consult with that faculty member about the details of the Independent Study.

Students must complete at least 15 credits before registering for an Independent Study. Except in unusual circumstances, all Independent Study courses shall be 3 credits. Graduate students may take no more than one Independent Study (HIST 696). Independent Study courses may be taken only with History Department faculty.