Western Michigan University Department of Philosophy
Graduate Student Independent Study Permission Form

Please note the following:
- No more than 4 credit hours of PHIL 5980 and no more than 4 credit hours of PHIL 7100 will count toward your graduate program.
- PHIL 5980 and PHIL 7100, regardless of content, do not count toward (breadth or depth) concentration requirements.

Instructions:
1) Fill out the following form below. Attach to it a description of your proposed project, including an explanation of how it contributes to your overall program of study. This should be no fewer than 250 words.
2) Bring this form to the faculty member with whom you wish to take the I.S. and complete it with them, acquiring their signature. Note that the project description needs to be completed before acquiring their signature, so that when they sign it they are approving that project.
3) Attach a current copy of your permanent program form to it and give it to the OA (who will record when it came in).
4) It will be presented to the DGS and to the Chair. If both approve, the OA will arrange for registration. If either does not approve, you will be notified. Note: the instructor’s approving does not imply that the DGS will do so, and similarly from DGS to Chair.

Student Name: ______________________________________
Student WIN #: ______________________________________
Course number (circle one): 598/710
Credit hours: ________(4 max)
Faculty Member: ______________________________
Term: ______________________________________
Date of Submission to OA: ________________________

Faculty Member’s Signature: ________________________
Date: __________________________

DGS’s Signature: _________________________________
Date: __________________________

Chair’s Signature: ________________________________
Date: __________________________
Project Description (250 words min.)