

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

NOTE

- No more than 4 credit hours of PHIL 5980 (Readings in Philosophy) and no more than 4 credit hours of PHIL 7100 (Independent Research) 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 independent study 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 bring them to the administrative assistant in the philosophy department office.
- 4) The form and request will be presented to the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) and to the Chair. If both approve, the administrative assistant will arrange for registration. If either does not approve, you will be notified. Note: the instructor's approving does not imply that the DGS or Chair will do so.

Student Name: _____

Faculty Member: _____

Faculty Member's Signature: _____

Course number (circle one): 5980 / 7100; Credit hours: _____ (4 max)

Term for Independent Study (circle one): fall / spring / summer 1 / summer 2

Date of Submission to Office: _____

DGS's Signature: _____; Date: _____

Chair's Signature: _____; Date: _____

Project Description (250 words minimum)