XXX 498, SECTION X  
(SEMESTER AND YEAR)  
(Provide the appropriate department/program prefix above. The department chair must assign a specific section number. Also, include the semester and year of the independent study.)

**Course number & title:** XXX 498, Independent Study

**Department(s):** (Provide the name of the home department of the independent study.)

**Instructor:** (Provide the name and contact information—for instance, office number, email address, office phone—for the instructor guiding the independent study.)

**Credit hours:** 1-8 (repeatable up to 8 hrs) (Provide the number of credit hours for the study.) Note: Credit in Independent Study may be applied toward a major field requirement only upon the written approval of the department chair. Students must complete the University’s Independent Study Request form and gain approval at the department and college-level prior to being allowed to register for Independent Study. The number of hours of credit granted must be in accord with the University’s credit-hour policy.

**Prerequisites:** must have completed 60 hours, must have completed one half of the total semester hours within the major, a minimum 3.0 GPA in the major and overall

**Fees and charges:** (Include any relevant departmental fees if there are any; otherwise, mark as none.)

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**1. Catalog description:**  
Students are provided the opportunity to broaden their knowledge in a chosen field of study by independent investigations and research projects guided by a faculty instructor. The opportunity for independent study is offered in each department.

**2. Course content:**  
(Clearly state the purpose of the study, the methods to be employed, and materials to be used within the study. This section should also include a list of major references.)

**3. Student learning outcomes for the course:**  
Students will:  
1. Integrate theories and concepts in the field of study to broaden their knowledge.  
2. Engage in self-directed learning and independent research.  
3. Develop and demonstrate the ability to conduct an individual inquiry on a proposed topic.  
4.* List personal learning outcome(s) specific to their independent study.

(*Include learning outcomes specific to the independent study.)

**4. Student assessment criteria for the course:**  
(The instructor guiding the independent study should provide specific assessment criteria for the independent study: for example, a written thesis or paper, presentation, product, project, exams, etc. The percentage that each assessment criteria will contribute towards the overall grade must be included. This section should also include a proposed timeline for completion of the study and expected progress at certain checkpoints.)
5. **Program/Department student learning outcomes assessed:**
(If relevant, include details from individual program/department assessment plans; otherwise, mark as none.)

6. **Additional information:**
(The instructor should include a relevant academic integrity statement and accommodation statement for students with disabilities.)