

LIS 7909, Directed Independent Study

7909 Directed Independent Study (1-3) *May be taken for a maximum of 6 semester hours credit.*

The objective of the Directed Independent Study (DIS) is to ensure that the student, with faculty direction, identify, research and appropriately report on a specific topic or area not otherwise included in a course offered in the curriculum of the School.

Guidelines

The student will:

- Secure a faculty director of the study. Discussion of the study must take place during the semester *prior* to the semester during which the student will register for the DIS.
- Submit the Directed Independent Study Proposal Form to the faculty director and the student's advisor during the semester *prior* to the semester during which the student will register for the DIS. The proposal will include objectives, an outline, expected outcomes and, if applicable, the research methodology. [The Proposal Form is attached as the last page in this document.]
- Submit the completed project one week prior to final exam period.

The faculty director will:

- Determine the suitability of the proposed study and the number of credit hours to be allowed.
- Ensure that the completed Directed Independent Study Proposal Form is placed in the student's file in the SLIS main office during the registration period for the following semester.
- Ensure that the completed project is placed in the student's file in the SLIS main office.

Credit Hours Awarded

One (1) Credit. The student does independent reading under the direction and guidance of the appropriate faculty director, meeting together at least three times during the fall/spring semesters, or once during the summer. The student prepares a written report, e.g., project, essay, bibliography, etc., to be submitted for evaluation by both the faculty director and the student's advisor.

Two (2) Credits. The student does independent reading under the direction and guidance of the appropriate faculty director, meeting together at least six times during the fall/spring semesters, or twice during the summer. The student prepares a written report, e.g., project, essay, bibliography, etc., to be submitted for evaluation by both the faculty director and the student's advisor.

Three (3) Credits. The student does independent reading under the direction and guidance of the appropriate faculty director, meeting together at least nine times during the fall/spring semesters, or three times during the summer. The student prepares a written report, e.g., project, essay, bibliography, etc., to be submitted for evaluation by both the faculty director and the student's advisor.

Policy Statement on Research

Research conducted by SLIS personnel inherently reflects on the status and image of the School. Any research study done by faculty, staff or students of the School that involves gathering data through the use of questionnaires, interviews or other contact with individual respondents must have prior approval of the Director. The Director may consult with individual faculty members, the faculty as a whole, or other knowledgeable and involved persons in evaluating proposed research. Research projects must also meet the criteria and procedures set forth by the University for research involving human subjects.

**Louisiana State University
School of Library and Information Science**

Directed Independent Study Proposal

LIS 7909 – Section # _____ Date _____

Student Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Semester/Year in which work will be done: _____

(Note: Completed project must be submitted *one week prior* to the final exam period)

Approval Signatures

Faculty Director: _____ / _____
Print name Signature

Advisor: _____ / _____
Print name Signature

Director: _____ / _____
Print name Signature

Project Title: _____

Attach the following:

Objectives of the study

Outline of study

Time table

Expected outcome

Research methodology (if applicable)