Individual Study Request Form (PSY 5366)

Psychology Department: MAPR Program

Course Description: Students design and execute original research or engage in extensive fieldwork in the field of psychology under the supervision of a faculty member.

An Individual Study is a course designed by the student to investigate a topic or area of research that is not typically covered in the Texas State University Psychology Department’s scheduled courses. Individual Studies are graded courses and will be conducted at the same caliber as all graduate courses.

Instructions:

1. Contact the faculty member with whom you would like to take the Individual Study course and discuss the research proposal.

2. Determine the scope of the project, materials covered, course format, and the method of evaluation.

3. Complete the proposal form with the supervising professor.

4. Return the completed proposal form to the Graduate Director for final approval.

5. The deadline for Individual Study proposals is two weeks prior to the first day of classes for the given semester.

Individual Study Approval

To be approved, the Individual Study proposal should meet the following criteria:

* The proposed study will benefit the student’s academic development
* The University does not offer courses in the proposed topic, or the courses offered are not advanced enough for the student’s needs
* The proposal has been carefully planned, the primary materials, sources, and equipment are appropriate for the quality of the study.
* The student has sufficient and appropriate background knowledge to complete the proposal within the semester.
* The proposed work is at least equivalent to a three-hour graduate course.
* The student and faculty member have agreed upon a schedule of readings, laboratory time, writing time, and meetings, as deemed appropriate for the proposed study.
* The student and faculty member have agreed upon a reasonable method of evaluation and grading criteria.Individual Study Proposal (to be completed by student):

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Semester Requested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Supervising Professor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Course Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe the content and overall objective of your project.

2. List the primary materials, sources, and equipment to be used for this Individual Study.

3. Describe the Course Format.

4. Describe the Method of Evaluation and Grading Requirements.

5. Describe the Learning Outcomes for the Individual Study. After completing this course, the student will be able to:

6. Other Comments.

7. Date for submission of final assessment (e.g., paper/project): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature Date

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Supervising Faculty Signature Date

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Graduate Director Signature Date