DAVIDSON

Due Date to the Registrar's Office: 5 pm on the Friday of the second week of classes

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

INDEPENDENT COURSE CONTRACT

Independent Courses (independent study, independent research, tutorial, practicum, thesis, etc.)[1] are available at the discretion of a faculty member and of the chair of the appropriate department or program. Each of these courses counts in every respect as a full course. The expectation is that the goals and scope of such studies are comparable to those appropriate for any regularly offered course, and that the project will consist of work done by the student that explores material new to the student or clearly advances his or her knowledge beyond previous experience.

- An Independent Course counts as one full course credit and is part of the student's overall course load.
- Both the student and the faculty member are to be on campus during the semester involved.
- A student may tentatively register for an Independent Course on the basis of oral or other assurance from the faculty member giving permission. But, **final registration requires final submission of this form (and accompanying materials) to the Registrar's Office prior to the end of the scheduled add/drop period (the end of the second week of class).**
- On occasion, preliminary or final work for an Honors Thesis may be converted to an Independent Course and number if the student chooses not to pursue Honors or does not earn Honors. In such instances, with agreements regarding project goals presumed already to have been made, stipulations here regarding advanced planning and registration do not apply.

An Independent Course requires a written understanding on the part of both student and faculty member regarding goals and expectations in regard to work achieved, appropriate deadlines, and criteria for evaluation of the work.

Please attach a course syllabus to this form, including each of the following:

1. Course content or hypothesis/experimental question
2. Readings (may be revised as research unfolds) and course materials
3. Evaluation procedures, assignments (including relative percentage of overall grade), and due dates
4. Learning Outcomes
5. Completion date **(final grades are submitted at the same time as all other courses)**

Student name: _____ Student ID: _____
First Last

Instructor name: _____ Department or Program: _____
First Last

Course number: _____ Course title: _____

SIGNATURES: The following individuals agree to this contract (Registrar is last signer):

_____ _____
Student Date Instructor Date

_____ _____
Department chair Date Registrar Date

[1] Each department defines its own options for Independent Courses, assigning a specific number and title to each type of Independent Course available to its students.