

Independent Study as an Alternative to Experimental Psychology

In order to take Independent Study (50:830:498) in place of Experimental Psychology and Lab (50:830:830/831) students must complete this proposal form 2 weeks before registration begins, the student must have a full-time faculty member committed to working with the study for 4 units of independent study, and the department chair and psychology department committee must approve this proposal.

Student Name: _____

Student G.P.A.: (attach unofficial transcript) _____

Course Grade in Method & Theory (830:255)/ Research Methods (830:256) Course: _____

Full-time Faculty Advisor (print name): _____

Faculty Signature and date: _____

Proposed time period for completion of 4 credits of independent study (Note: Each credit requires 3 hours of work per week across 14 weeks. Four credits may be completed in 1 semester or across an entire year.)

Describe the research project(s) that you will be working on during your independent study:

What skills do you plan to develop as a part of your independent study? (e.g., research planning and design, statistical analyses skills, etc.) Describe the amount of time per week you will attribute to administrative (e.g., data entry) versus intellectual work (e.g., reading and writing):

How will you complete the written component of your independent study? (All students enrolled in 830:498 need to complete a significant written assignment under the supervision of their mentor professor. This may be a research paper [10+

pages], a paper or chapter developed for publication [10 pages of which should be written by the student], a conference paper, or another scholarly endeavor agreed upon between the student and advisor.):

All students enrolled in 50:830:498 are expected to present research findings at Rutgers-Camden's Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creativity (CURCA), typically held in late April. By signing this form, students are committing to completing the above -described work (should they be approved to do so) and to present their research in a poster format at CURCA.

Students who do not complete the work that they indicate they will complete in this document or do not participate in CURCA will not be allowed to replace Experimental Psychology with Independent Study.

If a student's project changes for any reason mid-semester, this form needs to be resubmitted to the department chair for approval.

Student Signature and Date

Please return this form in hard copy to the department chair (Dr. Markey) via her mail box in room 301.

Please all email Dr. Markey an electronic copy at chmarkey@camden.rutgers.edu.

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOUR INDEPENDENT STUDY WILL BE ABLE TO REPLACE EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY FOR YOUR MAJOR REQUIREMENTS. YOU MUST RECEIVE AN EMAIL INDICATING THAT THIS FORM IS APPROVED.