



**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE  
*School of Library & Information Science*

**DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY**

**LIS 7909**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Directed Independent Study. Opportunity for concentrated study to investigate a problem or subject to meet the student's special need or interest in an area of library and information science not regularly covered in the courses offered. May be repeated for credit for a maximum of six semester hours. Preq: One semester of course work in library and information science.

**COURSE OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this course is to insure 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 FOR LIS 7909**

**DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY**

**A. THE STUDENT WILL:**

1. Secure a faculty director of the study. Planning for the study must take place during the semester prior to the semester in which the student registers for the course LIS 7909, Directed Independent Study.
2. Submit a proposal to the faculty director and the student's major professor during the semester prior to the semester in which the student registers for the course. The proposal will include objectives, an outline, a time table, the expected outcome, and the research methodology, if applicable.
3. Submit the completed project one week prior to the final examination period.

**B. THE STUDENT'S MAJOR PROFESSOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE FACULTY DIRECTOR, WILL:**

1. Determine suitability of the subject (not covered in a course) and number of credits to be allowed for the Independent Study.
2. Make certain that the proposal form is completed and signed. This is to be accomplished as the student registers for the course.
3. Make certain that the completed proposal form is placed in the student's file by the end of the registration period.
4. Make certain that the completed report, essay, project or a summary of activity and the completed Final Cover Form are placed in the student's permanent folder in the SLIS.

### C. LEVELS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AS A FUNCTION OF CREDIT HOURS AWARDED

One (1) Credit. Student does independent reading under the direction and guidance of the appropriate faculty member, meeting together at least three times during the semester (once during the summer semester). 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 major professor.

Two (2) Credits. Student does independent reading under the direction and guidance of the appropriate faculty member, meeting together at least six times during the semester (twice during the summer semester). 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 major professor.

Three (3) Credits. Student does independent reading under the direction and guidance of the appropriate faculty member, meeting together at least nine times during the semester (three times during the summer semester). 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 major professor.



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**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 mail questionnaires, interviews or other contact with individual respondents must have prior approval of the Dean. The Dean may consult with individual faculty members, the faculty as a whole, or other knowledgeable or 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.

\*Copies of this statement to be attached to Independent Study and Thesis forms.

Approved by the faculty on February 27, 1987.



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**DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL**

LIS 7909 - Section#: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/year in which work will be done: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Completed project to be submitted *one week PRIOR* to the final examination period.)

# Credits Proposed: \_\_\_\_\_ # Credits Allowed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Approval Signatures:*

Project Director: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Instructor) Print name here Signature here

Major Professor: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print name here Signature here

Dean: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print name here Signature here

PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space provided below and verso, state objectives, outline, time table, expected outcome, and research methodology, if applicable.

**BE SURE TO READ THE ATTACHED GUIDELINES.**