Professional Programs in Software Engineering
Proposal for Independent Study

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Course Number: __________  Section: __________  Number of Units: __________

Semester/year: Spring _________  Summer ________  Fall ________

Instructor(s): ___________________________________________________________________

Have you completed other Independent Study courses? __________  If so, how many? __________

1. Proposal
   Provide a general overview (2-3 paragraphs) of the Independent Study, including background and an introduction to the problem that will be investigated.

2. Learning Objectives
   Provide a description of the learning objectives. The learning objectives should detail what you think you'll better understand at the end of the Independent Study that you didn’t know, or couldn’t do, before. Be specific.

3. Methods of Investigation
   Explain the technical approaches and strategies you will take to meet the learning objectives and deliverables. Examples: reference searches, experimentation, prototype builds, data collection, statistical analysis, etc. Provide initial reference materials that you plan to use as part of the Study. A complete list of references must be provided at the conclusion of the Study.

4. Deliverables
   Summarize the deliverable artifacts. Examples: research paper, summary report or documentation, prototype hardware and/or software, tool or application development, extension or enhancement, architectural design, formal presentation, or some combination of these artifacts. Please include a complete list of references.

5. Schedule of Milestones
   Provide a general plan and schedule of the key milestones and deliverables. The date of final deliverable(s) submission must be included in the schedule. (Important: Final deliverable(s) must be received no later than the semester deadline for grade submission).

Please attach a separate document that includes all of these elements.
Approvals

I agree to complete the above-described Independent Study and provide the final deliverables on the date specified.

Student Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________

I agree to oversee the above-described Independent Study and deliver the final grade to the MSE/MSIT program administrator on the date specified.

Instructor(s) Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________

I approve of the above-described Independent Study.

Academic Advisor Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________
Program Manager Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________
Program Director Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________

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