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Department of Geological Sciences

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Course Approval Form for Independent Study or Directed Study

To register for this course, you must complete the following (*in order*):

- 1) Student: Discuss your plan with faculty advisor including your Goals/Deliverables/Expectations and grade basis.
- 2) Student: Complete this form; complete brief write-up
- 3) Student: Email form and all write-ups to faculty instructor
- 4) Faculty advisor: Email forms to the undergraduate (for 293, 493, or 499) or graduate advisor (for 593, 599). Once all parties have signed a confirmation email will be sent to the student.
- 5) Student: Register for the class.

Student Name & Email:	
Faculty Advisor:	
Student CWID #:	

Select one:

- 293 – Directed Field and Laboratory Study (1-3 units): Research under the supervision of a geology faculty member. Intended for students who may not have completed sufficient coursework to allow them to work independently, but who are eager for research experience.
- 493 – Directed Studies (1-3 units): Directed studies in specialized areas of the geological sciences, such as petroleum geology, sedimentology, optical and instrumentation techniques. Library research and written reports required.
- 499L – Independent Study (1-3 units): Independent study of a topic selected in consultation with and completed under the supervision of the instructor.
- 593 – Directed Graduate Studies in the Geosciences (1-3 units): Directed studies of specialized geoscience topics not covered by existing courses and tailored to individual student interest. Literature research, recitations and written reports required.
- 599 – Independent Graduate Research (1-3 units): Independent research on an approved topic.

Schedule Number:		Number of Units:	
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Please prepare a brief write-up that describes the following:

Goals: Describe the goals of the proposed Independent or Directed study. Collaboratively written by student and instructor.

Expectations and deliverables: Describe student expectations. Must include the number of meetings during the semester and written product(s) or project. Collaboratively written by student and instructor.

Basis for final evaluation: Describe how the student will be assessed and how grades will be assigned. Overall grade shall include all aspects of expectations above, such as meetings and evaluation of written products(s) or project. Must indicate what constitutes the final grade (A,B,C, etc.). To be written by instructor.

Student Date

Faculty instructor Date

Undergraduate Advisor (293, 493, 499L) Date
Graduate Advisor (593 or 599)

Dept Chair Date

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