

THE ANNENBERG SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

FORM 7 - INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROPOSAL (COMM 799)

Please return the completed form to the Graduate Studies Assistant during Course Registration for the term in which you would like to enroll for the class.

1. Date Proposal was submitted to the School office _____

2. Student proposing independent research proposal

3. Title of independent research proposal

4. Semester for which independent research proposal (799) credit is requested

5. Faculty supervisor's signature (person who will submit the grade)

I understand and accept the policies and procedure governing the independent research proposal governing the thesis as stated in the current Annenberg Student Handbook (or attached sheet).

(signed by the student) _____

TO: _____ (Requested Faculty Supervisor)

The attached independent proposal is being submitted for your consideration. If you do not wish to serve on this project please indicate below (under "Other Comments") and return this sheet together with the proposal to the ASC Graduate Coordinator in Room 200.

Other Comments _____

Name of Second approving faculty member Approval Signature Date

Name of Advisor Approval Signature Date

Chair, Graduate Studies Committee Approval Signature Date

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Students may earn graduate credits for an independent project only after completing their first semester as degree candidates, and then for no more than one unit per semester, except by special petition to the Graduate Studies Committee. A proposal for an independent research project should contain the following information.

1. Cover sheet containing the title of the project, the course number, semester and year for which credit is requested upon successful completion of the project named, names of faculty supervisor(s) requested, name of student, and date proposal is submitted.
2. Statement of the problem or task and its justification.
 - a. Relevance to communications and to a specific area of communication study
 - b. Significance of project; what it will help to do, test, understand.
 - c. Review of relevant literature; description of the gap in knowledge and of the expected contribution to knowledge.
3. Plan of inquiry and its justification.
 - a. Description of prior preparation for conducting this study.
 - b. Description of procedure, plans, or designs.
 - c. Specific techniques or methodology for the acquisition and evaluation of appropriate information or evidence.
 - d. Timetable.
 - e. Brief description (or outline) of expected end product.
4. Bibliography and references.
5. Budget (if any).

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