

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Master of Philosophy Program
M.Phil. Thesis INDEPENDENT STUDY FORM

Please read the guidelines for students, supervising instructors, and sponsoring departments on reverse side before completing this form.

Information to be provided by MPhil student:

Student's name: _____
Last Name First Name MI.

Student's Penn ID: _____

Title of Thesis: _____

Term and year of independent study: _____
Term Year

Names of First and Second Readers: _____

Email First Reader: _____

Email Second Reader: _____

Information to be provided by the supervising instructor (Primary Reader):

Instructor's name: _____
Last Name First name

Faculty appointment: Standing faculty member Lecturer

Course number (see following note): **MLA 699** _____

The College of General Studies will provide the section number for the independent study.

Instructor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Director Approval (MPhil):

Name of sponsoring program: Master of Philosophy in Liberal Arts

Name of sponsoring program representative:

Pastore Christopher
Last Name (please print) First Name

Title/Position : _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Signature of MLA Program Director indicating department or program approval of the Capstone independent study:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

THESIS INDEPENDENT STUDY GUIDELINES

For MPhil students:

Only College of Liberal and Professional Studies **MPhil degree candidates** in good standing are eligible to enroll in a Thesis independent study course at the MPhil tuition rate. Furthermore, the program director must approve the project and receive a complete project proposal along with the submitted Thesis Independent Study form before the course will be rostered. The forms and proposal should be submitted before the end of classes in the term prior to the term in which the Thesis will be written and submitted.

Return the completed and signed independent study form to the MPhil Program Director at the LPS office.

For Primary Readers of Theses serving as supervising instructors:

Instructors are not required to supervise independent studies but are encouraged to do so where the student and instructor have developed a clearly defined topic for the MPhil Thesis and the student has delivered an acceptable project proposal that shows evidence of sufficient preliminary research for the final project. If an instructor wishes to have additional information about the MPhil Thesis project before agreeing to supervise an MPhil Thesis independent study and serve as Primary Reader, please contact Dr. Christopher Pastore, Director of the Master of Philosophy at LPS (cpastore@sas.upenn.edu, 215-746-7756) for more information about the program and the Thesis project.

Generally, instructors do not receive any additional compensation for supervising an independent study. In the case of a Thesis Independent study, standing faculty will not receive additional compensation but non-standing faculty and other instructors who supervise Thesis Independent studies are eligible to receive a stipend of \$750. Questions about stipend policies should be addressed to Dr. Christopher Pastore, (cpastore@sas.upenn.edu, 215-746-7756)

If the instructor is not a standing faculty member, he/she must have approval from the home department and LPS to supervise a Thesis Independent Study.

After signing the MPhil Thesis independent study form, instructors should return the form to the MPhil student to be submitted to the Program Director at LPS. We also recommend that both readers email the MPhil Program Director to ensure that we have current contact information and the any questions about the parameters of the thesis supervision can be answered.

Please email cpastore@sas.upenn.edu