CS 7387 Research in Computer Science Proposal and Approval Form

Independent study courses are offered to teach material not covered in regular courses. These courses are tailored to each individual student based on a course proposal submitted by the student to an advising faculty member. It is preferred for an undergraduate independent study course to have some component of research.

Deadline: To allow sufficient time to complete the approval process and for timely student registration, the application form must be submitted no later than one week before the first day of class.

Submit one copy of this form, with all fields completed (typed only), to the CS Department Administrative Assistant: Karen Hollensbe – kh48@txstate.edu

Evaluation Criterion for the Independent Study Course:

1. A formal presentation of 30 minutes is given by the candidate by the end of the last week of classes and before finals begin. To schedule a presentation and reserve a conference room, the student should consult with his/her independent study supervisor.

Once the date, time, and conference room location have been established, the student or supervisor should send an email to the department's administrative assistant. The following information must be provided in the email in plenty of time for an announcement to be distributed:

- Student name; date, time, and location (or Zoom Link) for presentation; title for the independent study project; an abstract of the independent study report; name of the independent study advisor.

2. A written report containing the following items is submitted to the student's supervisor prior to the presentation:

- Cover page (title of paper, name of student, name of advisor, date of submission, course number; motivation/introduction; approach/methodology; results/outcome of the project; conclusion and future works; references; appendix (if applicable).

3. Before the end of the semester, the student must submit an electronic copy of the Independent Study report to the following:

- The student's instructor (independent study supervisor)
- The departmental administrative assistant for posting to the department's faculty share.

Independent Study Course Grading Policy

An independent study course receives a passing grade or a failing grade and is a 3-credit hour course. The passing or failing grade will be determined by the faculty member.

The student enrolled in an independent study course receives a grade of CR (credit) for successful completion of the course; (no letter grade is assigned at the completion of the course).

Independent study courses may not be repeated for credit.

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Student Name:

Student A-Number:

Student Signature: **Date:**

Instructor Name:

Instructor Signature: **Date:**

Is your independent study topic covered in the department's regular curriculum: Yes   No
Complete the following items in detail:

Object of the study:

Materials Covered/Justification:

Course Outline/Milestones:

Outcome/Assessment:

Ph.D. Program Director Signature Required for Enrollment in CS7387:

Ph.D. Program Director Name:

Signature: **Date:**