These courses are designed to give you the opportunity to work one-on-one with a COMM faculty member on a subject you choose in consultation with the professor. Students must choose a topic for investigation with the advice of an instructor prior to registration and the topic should be in an area in which we do not offer a course. The student must then submit a proposal including the independent study cover form. Prior familiarity and work with the topic are recommended. **Hours arranged.**

In order to be considered for COMM 495, you must write a 2-3 page proposal that you attach to this form.

Past project ideas include:
- An organizational communication ethnography
- A study with original research that examines relationships and dating violence
- A rhetorical analysis of a political campaign
- Working with a professor on their research and teaching projects

What are the requirements?
- You must have completed COMM 300, have a minimum GPA of 3.25 in the major, and/or consent of the instructor.

How many credits may I receive?
- You may take this course for 1-6 credits. However, only 3 credits of independent study or internship may be used toward the satisfaction of the communication studies major, and it is rare for the department to award more than three credits in one semester.
- Most 3 credit independent studies result in an APA formatted research paper between 15-20 pages of content, although projects are negotiable and may include portfolios, researching, or performance based activities.

**Attach your proposal to this form with appropriate signatures and submit it to the COMM Department Chair.**

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**COMM 495- ___ Independent Study ___**

**YEAR: 20____ SEMESTER: Fall ___ Mini ___ Spring ___ Summer ___ UNITS (1-6): __________**

**TITLE OF PROPOSED PROJECT:**

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**PROJECT ADVISOR SIGNATURE ______________________________________________ DATE: __________________________**

**PROJECT ADVISOR NAME ______________________________________ APPROVED ____ NOT APPROVED ____ (Please Print Clearly)**

**DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE ________________________________**

**DATE: ______________________________ APPROVED ____ NOT APPROVED ____**