



## INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL APPLICATION

TITLE OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY ADVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF STUDY:

SEMESTER 1 (.5 CREDITS) \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2 (.5 CREDITS) \_\_\_\_\_

FULL YEAR (1 CREDIT) \_\_\_\_\_

## INDEPENDENT STUDY STUDENT AND PARENT CONTRACT

The Amity High School Independent Study program is designed to allow students to earn credit by expanding their learning beyond the curriculum offered at Amity High School. Independent Study Proposals must follow these specific criteria:

- Students may not take part in a study that closely resembles a course that is already offered at Amity High School, even if an existing class was unable to fit in a student's schedule.
- Students need not to have completed all classes pertaining to their topic of interest.
- Students must obtain a faculty advisor and meet with this advisor on a regular basis indicated on their proposal.
- Proposals must be completed with all appropriate information and signatures to be considered by the committee.
- Students must choose two different media when presenting his or her study. They must also choose the audience to which they will present.
- Proposals must be defended in front of the Independent Study Committee before a decision is made.
- Students can elect to be Honors credit.
- Students may work with a partner, provided the partner is needed for personal interviews and investigations in the field.
- The Student and Parent Contract, Faculty Advisor Contract and Independent Study Initial Proposal Part 1 are due on September 23, 2016.

Students must also be aware that:

- Students wishing to cease their Independent Study are subject to the same consequences as dropping a class, as indicated in the Student Handbook.
- Students must have a 2.0 grade point average and maintain that average throughout the duration of the study.
- Your study will be monitored each marking period to ensure adequate progress is being made.

I have read the entire proposal and agree to the Independent Study requirements:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Due February 3, 2017

## INDEPENDENT STUDY INITIAL PROPOSAL-PART 1

Independent Study proposals are created and submitted in two parts. The first part entails the student developing his or her initial ideas and goals of the study. This part is to be submitted to Mrs. Campbell by the end of the second week of school (or second week of second semester for semester 2 proposals.) Please answer the following questions:

1. Describe the goals you wish to achieve, the ARHS Learning Expectations and content area standards these goals are based on.
2. Describe the timeline of your study, clearly listing and describing your goals and objectives throughout the semester/year.
3. Why have you chosen this topic for Independent Study?
4. Will you be electing to earn Honors credit for your Independent Study?
5. You must choose two ways of presenting your Independent Study.  
Examples of presentation media are written report, media presentation, display, personal journal, concern/play/performance/video production.  
Identify two ways you will present your study.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# INDEPENDENT STUDY FACULTY ADVISOR CONTRACT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to be the faculty advisor for \_\_\_\_\_'s Independent Study Project. I agree to the following requirements:

- Thoroughly review the proposal before submission to the committee.
- Assist student in identifying ARHS Learning Expectations and content area standards to be met during study.
- Meet with the student on a regular basis to monitor progress.
- Communicate with Courtney Campbell and attend quarterly check-in as well as complete conference form.

Students are awarded honors credit for their Independent Studies and are required to produce high level work. Independent Study Proposals must demonstrate new learning that will take place and must clearly explain the scope and sequence of the project. Students must have clearly defined objectives and goals and identify content area learning standards and Amity High School learning expectations. For their project which must be described in the proposal. Students will commit to their Independent Study for the indicated time (1 or 2 semesters) and failure to complete the Independent Study project will result in a WF on the transcript.

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Due February 17, 2017

## INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL-PART 2

Part 2 of the Independent Study Proposal is due at the mid-marking period of the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period (semester 1 or full-year studies) or 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period (2<sup>nd</sup> semester studies). Please answer these questions and hand in to Mrs. Campbell.

1. Please identify the specific learning expectations and content area learning standards you will be covering in your Independent Study.
2. Please provide a timeline that will be involved in achieving your goals.
3. List the skills you will acquire toward achieving your goals and how will you show these skills?
4. What specific outside resources will you be utilizing?
5. How often will you meet with your faculty advisor?
6. How much time are you spending on your Independent Study per week?
7. How will your Independent Study be evaluated and presented and who is your targeted audience?

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_