**Independent Study Proposal**

**YEAR: NAME OF STUDY**

NAME OF STUDENT

**Rationale:** [Here, provide a research-based background (short literature review) of the research background and exigence for your study. Approx. 1 page, single spaced. Provide a Works Cited/Bibliography of sources used in the Rationale.]

**Research Questions:** [Identify 3-5 questions that will guide your study]

**Study Design and Methods:** [What do you plan to do? How do you plan to do it? Approx. ½ page. Your study must involve the collection of some data—extensive literature review, archival work, interviews, etc.]

**Learning Objectives:** [List 3-5 objectives for learning during the course of the class and study conduct]

**Deliverables:** [List your planned tasks and deliverables. Minimum required deliverables include:

1. The IS Proposal (this document)
2. Weekly reading reflections, meetings, and peer review
3. Data-driven documents, such as an IRB protocol or interview transcripts, as applicable
4. A final required 797 reflection (template provided by professors)
5. Your final project output—a final white paper or other similar document (if you are not producing a white paper as your final deliverable, this needs to be discussed in advance with the professors)

**Texts:** [List the books and articles you plan to read during the course of the IS. Aim for 3-4 scholarly books and 7-10 articles. These can be things you have read before but should also include new reading you need to complete.]

**Course Calendar**

**(Outline the major points in your timeline here)**

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| **Week and Topic** | **Tasks** |
| **Week 1***Topic* | **Meeting Date/Time:****Reading:****Writing:** |
| **Week 2***Topic* | **Meeting Date/Time:****Reading:****Writing:** |
| **Weeks 3 and 4***Topic* | **Meeting Date/Time:****Reading:****Writing:** |
| **Weeks 5 and 6***Topic* | **Meeting Date/Time:****Reading:****Writing:** |
| **Weeks 7 and 8***Topic* | **Meeting Date/Time:****Reading:****Writing:** |
| **Weeks 9 and 10***Topic* | **Meeting Date/Time:****Reading:****Writing:** |
| **Weeks 11 and 12***Topic* | **Meeting Date/Time:****Reading:****Writing:** |
| **Weeks 13 and 14***Revising & Drafting* | Writing/revising final materials |
| **Week 15***FINAL PROJECT* | Writing/revising final materials |