

**Boston College**  
**Lynch School of Education**  
**Readings & Research/ Independent Study Proposal**  
**Instructions**

**Graduate Students:**

- Teacher Ed, Special Ed & Curriculum & Instruction ED859
- Educational Research, Measurement, and Evaluation ED910
- Counseling and Developmental and Educational Psychology PY910
- Higher Education and Educational Administration ED921

**Undergraduates:**

- Readings & Research ED/PY 198
- Independent Study/Internship Experience ED/PY 199
- Readings & Research Fifth Year Program ED397

**Procedure for Lynch School Students**

Students who wish to enroll in an independent study with a Lynch School Faculty member must do the following:

1. Download the form from following the www site or pick one up in Campion 104 or 135.  
[http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/soe/p&p/grad\\_p&p/doctoral/forms/readings&research.pdf](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/soe/p&p/grad_p&p/doctoral/forms/readings&research.pdf)
2. Identify a professor with whom you would be interested in doing an independent study. If you are an undergraduate and interested in the Independent Study/Internship Experience option, ED/PY 199, please see the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Students prior to completing the form to ensure that you are eligible for this course of study.
3. ***For Lynch School graduate students***, the number of Readings and Research/Independent Study courses that are permitted within any given degree is **limited** by University policy **to the number of electives within a student's degree program**.

***For Lynch School undergraduates***, only **one** Independent Study can be taken in any semester. A maximum of **two** independent study courses will be allowed during a student's undergraduate career.

4. Independent Study is usually approved as an **elective**, unless specific arrangements are made and a substitution is approved in advance by the appropriate Associate Dean (for undergraduates) and/or Program Coordinator/Advisor, Department Chair and Associate Dean (for graduate students).
5. A student interested in doing an Independent Study/Readings and Research should follow the steps outlined on the application form. Once the proposal has been approved the student will be notified and can register for the appropriate section. Copies will be filed in the appropriate offices as indicated on the form.

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

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Eagle ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree program: \_\_\_\_\_  BA

Student E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  Master's

Faculty Member Supervising Study: \_\_\_\_\_  PhD / EdD

Course Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester:  Fall  Spring  Summer  
 Year:  2006  2007  2008  2009  2010  2011

*Student and professor should discuss this proposal prior to its completion by the student. It must be signed by the student and supervising professor and by the relevant Associate Dean (BA) or Department Chair (MA/PhD). Use additional sheets as needed; entire proposal should not exceed 500 words.*

1. Topic of your proposed study:
2. Objectives of your proposed study (list 2-3 major objectives):
3. Research and/or proposed activities in which you will be engaged to meet the above objectives:
4. Outcomes by which you will demonstrate that you have met the above objectives:
5. Nature and frequency of contact with the professor:
6. What educational objectives will this independent study meet that cannot be addressed by a course at BC or in the consortia? Please explain using an additional page for details.

**NB: The final evaluation report of Independent Study / Reading & research needs to be filed with the instructor and with the Associate Dean (BA) or Department Chair (MA / PhD).**

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

Signature of Professor / Instructor \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Associate Dean for Students (BA) or Department Chair (MA / PhD)  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only:** Initial and date when student is registered: \_\_\_\_\_

Once student is registered send 1 copy of this application to the Department Staff [ ], 1 copy to the supervising faculty member [ ], and place 1 copy in the student's file [ ].

**Grade:** Upon completion of the study, the supervising faculty member will assign the student a grade. The faculty member is to submit his or her copy of this form to the Department Chair to post the grade.

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervising Faculty Member (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Supervising Faculty Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_