Roanoke College Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Department of Modern Languages

Application for Independent Study

Last Name: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

First Name: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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***Description***

*An independent study in the Department of Modern Languages* is a unique opportunity to research a topic outside the ordinary scope of offered classes.  Many independent studies in Modern Languages may have a special component that would otherwise be impossible to experience in a classroom environment:

* *Special literary or cultural focus*
* *Special linguistic focus*
* *Creative work*
* *Experiential learning*

***Requirements***

Not every student will be qualified to take an independent study.

Students are expected to consult with the instructor regularly, usually on a weekly basis. The student is required to meet with the faculty advisor for a minimum of 10 hours per semester. The instructor will determine the number and length of meetings in consultation with the student.

An independent study may be taken for 0.5 credits (in the case of 405) or 1 credit (406).

The student proposing an Independent Study in the Foreign Language Department must fulfill the requirements before proceeding with an Independent Study. A student must have a **GPA of 3.0 in the**

**language**[[1]](#footnote-1) (or permission) before contemplating the idea of pursuing an independent study project with the language program of choice.[[2]](#footnote-2)

***Process***

The student should submit the Student Contract prior to the semester in which the research will be conducted. The elaboration of a research project takes a significant amount of time to develop and a significant amount of time to complete the research. The submission of the Student Contract is imperative before the student conducts fieldwork research. Next follow the protocol the student should take:

* *Title of research project*
* *Abstract*

1. *a clear and concise description of the research topic*
2. *a bibliography*
3. *a timeline showing the dates leading to the expected day of completion of the research project*
4. *a methodology*

***Independent Study Learning Outcomes***

1. *Students will improve their ability to think rationally, analytically, and creatively.*
2. *Students will be able to consider a topic in depth, evaluate and synthesize information, organize ideas, and make cogent arguments.*
3. *Students will improve their ability to present ideas effectively.*

***Academic Integrity***

As a student of this college, you are expected to be familiar with the Academic Integrity System at Roanoke College and to uphold this honor code at all times. Students will be requested to pledge the academic integrity of all work. *Your work should always be* ***YOUR OWN****. Any consultation with academic peer tutors or persons beyond the course instructor should not involve editing of one’s graded work.  The use of computer, web, or technology based translation methods in the completion of any homework or assignment is a clear violation of academic integrity. All violations of integrity will be reported without exception*. If you have questions about what might constitute an academic integrity violation, just ask. As a general rule: **HONESTY** is the best policy*.*

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***Department of Modern Languages Independent Study Contract***

*By initialing here, the instructor and student agree that one or more of these requirements is/are in place for this independent study.*

*Initial only the applicable requirements.*

*Assessment*:

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|  | The student who conducts an independent study project in the Foreign Language Department with the supervision from a faculty advisor will present a final research paper (generally 25-30 pages) deemed appropriate by the faculty advisor and/or the committee overseeing the completion of the project.  \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_  The student will present a power point presentation on his/her project and/or research paper at the conclusion of the semester to the faculty advisor, professor or group of professors who have served either on the committee or are invited by the faculty advisor in agreement with the student fulfilling the independent study project.  \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_  Other course activities and requirements:    \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ |

**For all independent studies:** Periodic consultations with the student and the faculty advisor are imperative to assist the student in the successful completion of the project. The student agrees to meet with the faculty advisor for a minimum of 10 hours per semester.

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I wish to enroll in: **\_\_\_ 405 (0.5 credits) \_\_\_ 406 (1 credit)**

**Student *(name and #)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Professor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

By signing here, both parties signify that they have understood the terms of this independent study and agree to abide by them.

*NOTE: Before a student proceeds with the independent study research project, the Student Contract must be signed by both the faculty advisor supervising the independent study research project and the student conducting the research. Also, the Department chairperson must sign the application (below) when the grade has been assigned for the successful completion of an independent study project.*

**Department Chair *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (signed at completion of course)***

1. NOTE: It is important for the student to consult with a potential faculty advisor to discuss the advisor’s availability and to determine the student’s suitability for the proposed research. A faculty advisor may consult with his or her department chair to determine these important factors as well [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. If the student doesn’t fulfill the requirements, the decision will be determined by the faculty advisor supervising the independent study project and the Modern Language Chairperson. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)