

INDEPENDENT STUDY SYLLABUS FORM

SOWK 8309 (3 credit hours)

The University of Georgia School of Social Work PhD Program

An independent study is an individually-tailored research project that connects to the learner's research topic and/or extends the learner's training beyond what is offered in the existing curriculum. Learners considering an independent study must consider the need for and the value of an independent study as it relates to their research training and professional development. At a minimum, an independent study should provide complementary learning/training in relation to the existing curriculum. As such, learners must describe how the proposed project is an extension of the current program of study.

Complete the sections below and obtain the signature of the faculty member with whom you will be studying. Sign and date the form and return to the PhD Program Office.

STUDENT NAME: _____ **ID #** _____

FACULTY MEMBER NAME: _____ **SEM/YEAR** _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course description must be in abstract format to include 1) a problem statement/purpose statement; 2) how the proposed project fills a knowledge/research gap; 3) how the faculty mentor's expertise, interests, and/or pedagogy supports the development and implementation of your proposed study; and 4) how the proposed project is an extension of the current program of study.

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES AND TIMELINE: Provide a minimum of two learning outcomes. The timeline must include three meeting dates with the faculty mentor during the semester (i.e., beginning, middle, end) and a tentative date for the mandatory deliverable (see below; contact Dr. Orion Mowbray for scheduling).

DELIVERABLES: A minimum of two deliverables are required. One mandatory deliverable is a presentation for the SSW Research Colloquium series before the end of the semester during which the independent study is taking place. You may present on the project's intended outcomes (to include background and progress to date) or the final product/results. Other acceptable deliverables include, but are not limited to, a submission-ready paper, conference presentation, or grant proposal.

APPROVALS

Faculty Member Name (PRINT)

Signature

Date

Student Name (PRINT)

Signature

Date

Tiffany Washington

Program Director Name (PRINT)

Signature

Date

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