**NOTE**: This document have been designed to assist UT faculty with the development of a contract or syllabus for thesis/dissertation and independent study, where students may earn academic credit for work that does not occur in a regular course format. This document is not required, however it is expected that the instructor provide a written document that clearly articulates the expectations for the award of academic credit. This includes the articulation of student learning outcomes and requirements/expectations.  **If using this document, please delete this text box before submitting.**

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**Independent Study Agreement/Contract**

(Agreement must be approved each semester **before** beginning independent study activity)

Course Number Name of Student

Title of Course (if 99) Credit Hours Instructor

**Instructor Contact Information:**

Office Location: Office Hours:

Phone: Email:

Independent studies are offered to broaden the student’s education in ways not normally available through our current curriculum. Independent studies are always more demanding than a course since the student must be self-motivated to explore an area of study with minimum direction from the faculty member. The student is expected to produce an acceptable tangible product which meets the instructor’s expectations for adequate documentation of the activity.

**Objectives for Independent Study:**

*(e.g.)*

* + - * + *Develop an understanding of older adult issues specific to the student's discipline/work experience.*
        + *Develop and participate in a capstone experience (e.g., literature review, course materials, internship, geriatric interest club) that combines the student's discipline/work experience and older adult issues. )*

**Activity and Product:**

*The course content and requirements will be determined by the instructor and the student at the beginning of the semester in which the student is enrolled in the independent study. Course content will be dependent upon the experience that is agreed upon by the instructor and the student.*

**Rationale for Credit:**

*Expectations for students and the work they complete must be appropriate for the number of credit hours awarded.*

Candidate Signature Advisor Signature Chair Signature

It is the student’s responsibility to obtain signatures and file the independent study form (one for student; one for instructor; one for department) during the first week of classes.