

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

Proposal for Independent Study for Graduate Students

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester and Year: Summer, \_\_\_\_\_

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Independent Study Course Information

Course Reference No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. MAIR/SIS Course No.: MAIR 291 Units: 3

Title (as it should appear on your transcript): Annotated Bibliography on \_\_\_\_\_

1. Justification for this Independent Study. Why do you want to design and undertake this Independent Study course? (The content of an Independent Study should not duplicate the content of a regularly offered course.)

The primary intention of this independent study is to gain a comprehensive understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ by selecting a major body of literature on the subject and preparing an annotated bibliography. As an intercultural relations professional it is important for me to have a solid foundation in the literature in one or more areas of the field. In some cases there will be limited research on the subject, thereby demanding the examination of a wide range of literature in order to begin to target the major concern. In other cases the literature will be extensive and a focused bibliography will provide the strong examples to help the researcher to cover the subject matter while keeping the bibliography manageable.

This annotated bibliography is important because I will gain a strong foundation that will support future study and practical application. Through this study, I would also like to determine where there are significant research gaps in order to develop for the focus of my own thesis work.

2. Description of the Content of this Independent Study.

The content of this study will be divided into \_\_\_\_\_ main sections, 1) \_\_\_\_\_; 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 3) \_\_\_\_\_; and 4) \_\_\_\_\_

The first section will be cover \_\_\_\_\_

The second section will be cover \_\_\_\_\_

The third section will be cover \_\_\_\_\_

The fourth section will be cover \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Educational Objectives of this Independent Study.** What do you expect to accomplish? What are your educational objectives in terms of skills to be learned and knowledge to be gained?

Upon completion of this independent study, I will be able to:

- 1) describe, compare, and contrast the basic theoretical frameworks in the following areas: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) analyze and discuss current approaches to applying knowledge in the area of focus.
- 3) analyze the relationship between the various areas covered in the annotated bibliography.
- 4) determine practical and theoretical implications the ideas convered.
- 5) apply the knowledge gained to practical settngs.

4. **Design of the Study and Resources to be Used.** How are you going to accomplish your educational objectives? That is, what are you going to do, how are you going to do it, and what resources will you use? Please include a reading list (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

The proposed format for this independent study is an annotated bibliography. It will include an introduction and explanation/ratonale for what is being examined and why. At the end, it will include an integrated section analyzing the overall presentation of the literature and what was discovered.

For each document included in the annotated bibliography, I will provide a comprehensive and concise summary of the content of the article or book and an analysis of each piece indicating its usefulness to the reader. I will also examine the relationships amongst the various sources and determine their relative value and usefulness.

Please see the attached proposed reading list for specific documents that will be included in this independent study. Other pieces will be added as appropriate when relevant works are discovered.

5. **Timeline.** What is your timeline for completing various tasks during this Independent Study course?

I will register for, and complete, the independent study between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The study will involve approximately 135 hours of research to select readings, reading, preparing annotations analysis.

6. **Method of Evaluation.** How will you and the instructor know that you have accomplished your educational objectives? How will you both determine your success, e.g. a term paper, a report, an observed performance, or some other measures?

I will work with \_\_\_\_\_ on this independent study. Upon completion of the annotated bibliography, my evaluations will assess the document for its merit and accuracy based on the proposed objectives.

7. **Importance of this Independent Study.** How will this Independent Study course contribute significantly to your educational and life goals?

This study would add to my own professional knowledge and increase my effectiveness by introducing me to \_\_\_\_\_

It relates to my thesis as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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