MBA INDEPENDENT STUDY GUIDELINES

Independent Study is an opportunity for a student to work closely with a full-time faculty member in the Rutgers Business School on independent research or a special project. A student may only take one (1) independent research per term. A student may take no more than two (2) independent studies towards his or her degree and they cannot be in the same semester. The student arranges independent study through contact with an individual faculty member who has interests or expertise that match those of the student. Substantial initiative and preparation are normally required, and these are the responsibility of students who wish to arrange for independent study. Students will earn academic credit by completing a written research project, which is evaluated and graded by the supervised faculty member.

In most cases, independent study is arranged to provide instruction in areas not offered through regular courses. Proposed independent study arrangements that duplicate or closely follow scheduled courses will not be approved.

To be considered for independent study, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. In addition, the student must complete an "Application for Supervised Academic Work" (attached) and prepare a short proposal detailing the work plan and research or project he or she wishes to undertake. Both of these must be submitted to the Office of MBA Student Services for approval before the start of classes in the semester the student wishes to take the independent study. Students whose applications are not accepted will be informed in writing as soon as possible.
Application for Supervised Academic Work

This application must be completed by the student prior to registration and approval from the Office of MBA Student Services. Failure to return the completed application to the Office of MBA Student Services prior to the beginning of the semester, in which the student intends to take the course, this application will not be approved. Students may only register for one (1) supervised course per term and must complete a separate application for each supervised course.

Section A: Student Information

Student Name: ___________________________________________  RUID #: ______________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________  E-Mail: ___________________________________________________
Concentration(s):________________________________________________________  GPA: _____________

Section B: Supervised Academic Work

1. State the learning goal(s) and specific objectives of your supervised work.

2. Describe the procedure(s)/process you will employ to attain your objectives.

3. Describe the written product(s) which will result from this supervised work.

4. Attach research/project proposal

Section C: Registration Information

Semester Course will be taken:  Fall: ___________________________  Spring: _______________________
Course Information:  School: _____  Subject: _____  Course: _____  Index: ________
Credits (not to exceed 3): __________  SPN: __________________________
Faculty Supervisor: ___________________________________________________________________

Section D: Faculty Approval

Faculty Supervisor: I have reviewed the above student's proposal for supervised academic work and have agreed to supervise this project.

Signed: ___________________________________________  Date: ________________________

Print Name