**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Undergraduate Program in Neuroscience**

 **APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY**

PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE APPROVAL SIGNATURES ARE OBTAINED.

Please Type or Print

Name:

Last First Middle Initial

DATE: Cumulative

PID:

LEVEL:

CLASS:

MAJOR:

GPA:

**Independent Research (NEU 490) represents planned, but individualized study in an approved area of neuroscience, not addressable through any other course format. Independent Research credits are intended to increase flexibility within the curriculum for undergraduate neuroscience majors and to provide students with a formalized research experience that will appear on the student’s academic transcript. Students should register for NEU 490 for faculty supervised research. One credit of Independent Study is intended to represent a time commitment of 3-4 hours/week. Students may register for up to 3 credits of NEU 490 in any single semester. In accordance with university guidelines, *total* independent study credits (NEU 490 plus NEU 492) may not exceed 10% of credits earned in a bachelor student’s program (i.e., 12 Cr of independent study in total), with no more than 8 credits in either course. A maximum of 6 credits of independent study (NEU 490 plus NEU 492) can count toward Cellular and Developmental OR Behavioral and Systems OR Cognitive and Computational core concentrations for the Neuroscience degree. Students who are paid as hourly student labor for laboratory work are not eligible for overlapping Independent Study credit.**

Course Number: \_\_\_ NEU 490 (Special Problems in Neuroscience)

Credits

Semester

Year

Number of other Independent Study Total of prior Independent Study

Credits to be earned the same semester

credits in semester credit equivalents

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1. DESCRIPTION (max. 250 words) (Subject matter, purpose, methods)

2. WORK TO BE COMPLETED (Type and amount of reading, writing, lab work, etc.)

3. EVALUATION PROCEDURE (Basis of grade assignment)

Student’s Signature

Phone

**APPROVALS**

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Signature of Faculty Supervisor Date Signature of Academic Advisor Date

Faculty Supervisor’s Name - Printed Academic Advisor’s Name - Printed

A/Pol: Approved 6/8/78

A/C: Approved 1/9/79 (Revised by UCAP 2/7/91)

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY**

**DEFINITION**

At Michigan State University, Independent Study is planned study, highly individualized, not addressable through any other course format, proposed in writing by the student on a standard form, accepted for supervision by a faculty member, and approved by the student’s academic adviser and the teaching unit at the beginning of the semester.

GUIDELINES

Independent Study should:

1. Consist of work not described in the University catalog in any other format;

2. Be taken under a course number commensurate with the student’s class level, major field, and experience;

3. Relate to a subject for which the student has adequate preparation;

4. Be directed by a faculty member with whom there is a periodic contact and consultation throughout the study;

5. Not exceed eight semester hours of credit in a single semester;

6. Not exceed 10% of the credits earned in a bachelor’s program;

7. Be applied for on the form provided by the University, or any equivalent departmental or College form;

8. Be approved on this form before the student enrolls for the course.

**APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT**

Please complete the form on the reverse side, obtaining indicated approvals and necessary overrides before enrollment for the course.