A Special Problems Course (aka Independent Study Course) is a course in which a student works independently with a faculty member on a research topic of the student’s choosing. Credit for this is taken on a letter-grade basis. This credit counts towards the INTA electives or free electives.

The work required for a three-credit special problems course is equivalent to the work required in a normal three-credit classroom course. The supervising faculty member and the student determine the topic and requirements for the special problems course. The faculty member submits a grade for the student at the end of the semester like a regular class. The decision to pursue a special problem course, in which the student will be studying and researching independently, should not be made in haste. The course requires much more discipline than a normal course because it does not meet regularly. The student is responsible for setting a steady pace and finishing research on-time with little supervision.

A request for an independent study class must have a synopsis of the work to be completed (e.g. a combination of any of the following: a writing journal, detailed outline, literature review, first draft, and final research paper) and a description of the anticipated outcome attached to this form. No form will be accepted or signed without this. Independent studies are limited to three credit hours. Any form that has above 30 characters will be returned to the faculty member for correction.

If you are doing a Master’s Thesis, you should make sure to meet with Vince to make sure you understand all of the procedures involved.

Directions:
The student and supervising faculty member should meet to complete this form. The form should then be submitted to Vince Pedicino. The course will be created and an e-mail will be sent to the faculty member and student with a special CRN and course information for which the student will need go to OSCAR to register.

Print Student’s Name: ____________________________ gtID: 90 ____________________________

Semester of Special Problems/Research (circle one): Summer 2017 Fall 2017

Print Email Address: ____________________________ @gatech.edu

Degree Major: ____________________________

Number of Credit Hours of Course: ______

Print Research Project Title: ____________________________ (TITLE IS LIMITED TO 30 CHARACTERS – SPACES INCLUDED)

How it will appear on your transcript

This special problems course is (check one):

☐ Master’s Thesis - INTA 7000

☐ Independent Study (not internship-related) - INTA 8903

Student’s Signature: ____________________________ Date

Supervising Professor’s Printed Name: ____________________________ Date

Supervising Professor’s Signature: ____________________________ Date

MSIA Advisor Signature: ____________________________ Date