Request for Independent Study  
Data Science 396

Data Science 396 is available for juniors and seniors who will undertake creative projects (including design projects or research papers) on topics not already covered in standard IST courses. The student’s individual work must be supervised by a faculty member. The student is responsible for finding a College of IST faculty member willing to serve as the instructor. Please complete the following information with the instructor and then set up an appointment with your adviser to review this application form.

Student must obtain approval signatures, attach required documentation, and email this form to your assigned IST Adviser or to advising@ist.psu.edu by the end of the Add/Drop period.

Student Name: ________________________________  PSU ID: 9 - __________________

Major: ____________________________________  Semester Classification: ______

Faculty Member you will be working with: (print clearly) _____________________________

Your Adviser: (print clearly) _____________________________

Number of credits for which student is enrolling:  

Semester for which student is enrolling (circle one):  Fall  Spring  Summer  Year:

Required Documentation:

1. Faculty Member MUST attach a syllabus describing this Independent Study, including a description of the type and amount of work and the methods for evaluating performance; i.e., papers, examinations, etc.

2. Attach statement, signed by both the student and faculty member, indicating why the applicant’s interest cannot be served by a regularly scheduled College of IST course.

Please ✓ appropriate box, if applicable:

☐ Course Substitution Request for _____________ *(Assoc. Dean’s signature required below)

☐ Honors Option: Student must complete SHC online form by the deadline specified at: https://www.shc.psu.edu/academic/resources/dates.cfm

Signatures of Approval:

Student: ________________________________  Date: ________________

Faculty/Instructor: ________________________________  Date: ________________

Adviser: ________________________________  Date: ________________

Director, Advising Center: ________________________________  Date: ________________

Associate Dean: ________________________________  Date: ________________