

**INTA Special Problems/Directed Study/Thesis Application - GRADUATE**  
**Special Problems/Directed Study/Thesis Requests will not be processed after the Deadline Date:**  
**Deadline for Submissions for Spring Phase II is Wednesday, January 13th by 2:00p.m.**

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.

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. Next the student should see Dr. Brian Woodall in Habersham 152 for the Program Director's Signature. 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:** Spring 2010

**Print Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ @gatech.edu

**Degree Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Credit Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Research Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(How it will appear on your transcript) **(TITLE IS LIMITED TO 30 CHARACTERS)**

**This special problems course is (check one):**

- Master's Thesis - INTA 7000 (*Program Director signature not required*)
- In conjunction with an unpaid internship - INTA 8901 (*Program Director signature not required*)
- Focused on a topic not related to a faculty member's research and not related to an internship - INTA 8903

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Supervising Professor's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Supervising Professor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Program Director's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date