Education 85: Independent Reading and Research
Proposal Permission Form

Name of Student and Year of Graduation:         Date:

Proposal Advisor:                                Signed Permission of Advisor:

All independent research projects must be approved by the Chair of the Education Department before course registration. The Chair also signs permission cards from the Registrar’s Office. Signed proposal forms will be kept on file in the Education Department office. To receive Education Department approval to conduct an Independent Study this application must be accompanied by a brief written document that contains information/answers to each of the following:

1. Title of Proposed Research
2. Short Description of Proposed Research (approximately 3 paragraphs)
3. Term’s Reading list, plus list of dates when readings must be done
4. Schedule of Advisor-Student meetings during the Term
5. Schedule of dates when written drafts of Independent Study paper will be handed in to Advisor
6. Details of written Independent Study paper assignment (number many pages, nature and presentation style of references, etc.)
7. Final deadline for Independent Study paper submission (and any other deadlines, such as exams, or other research materials)
8. Explicit details of Independent Study paper assessment, including what percentage the written paper will assume (which is an obligatory component of an Independent Study) if other assessment methods are also included (e.g., exams, other research materials)
9. If research with human participants forms a component of this Independent Study (in addition to the Independent Study paper), specific details of how the research project, per se, will be monitored and assessed must be provided. In addition, Dartmouth’s ethical (CPHS) approval must be either attached or forthcoming within the first few weeks of the term; note that no research with human participants can proceed without CPHS approval (not even the recruitment of volunteer participants).

Note: Students must deposit a final copy of all Independent Study projects by the above final assessment date to receive full credit for the Independent Study. All Independent Study projects will be available for public review in the Education Department’s Library.

Permission of Education Department Chair:

Date: