MS Independent Study Proposal Form
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
College of Engineering, Boston University

Student Name: ________________________________________ BU ID Number: _____________

Supervising Instructor’s Name (in print): __________________________ Department: ______

Semester and Year of Registration (circle one): Fall Spring Summer Year: _____________

Proposed Number of Credits: ______

Brief summary of directed study/independent work:
(e.g., to conduct research in the field of..., to prepare a thesis on..., to design a..., to fulfill requirements for
[course #] independently, to study [subject matter] independently, etc.

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Attach detailed summary of directed study/independent work:
Proposals must be signed by the supervising ECE faculty member indicating he/she has read the proposal,
approves of it, and is willing to supervise the independent study and to assist the student in meeting
departmental standards.
Proposals should include a clear and precise problem statement, a summary of prior work by others as reported
in the relevant literature, approaches to be used in carrying out the project and a plan and schedule
Proposals must also include an agreed upon evaluation and grading plan. Plans should include expectations for
effort, communication and final deliverables, along with grading scales for those plans.
Proposals must be 1-3 pages in length, double-spaced, and typed in 11-point font.

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Student’s Signature ____________________________________________

Supervising Instructor’s Signature ________________________________

ECE Department Use Only:

Master’s Committee Approval ____________________________ Date ______

Return completed form including proposal page and attached detailed summary to Academic Program Manager at
ecems@bu.edu