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Mechanical Engineering MS Independent Study Proposal Form

Student Name: _____ BU ID: _____ Email: _____

Semester and Year of Registration

Semester: _____ Year: _____

Independent Study Proposal Overview

Proposals must be signed by the supervising faculty member indicating they have read the proposal, approval of the proposal, and is willing to supervise the project and to assist the student in meeting departmental standards for the expected quality of such projects. Proposals must be 3–5 pages in length, double-spaced, and typed in 11-point font. If the student is planning to count their independent study towards their degree requirements, they must also fill out a graduate petition form, which can be provided by the MechE academic programs team.

Independent Study Proposal Description

Please attach your thesis proposal, which should include:

1. Abstract (100-150 words)
2. Clear and precise problem statement (~ 1 page)
3. Discussion of prior work by others as reported in the relevant literature (~ 1 page)
4. Approach(es) to be used in carrying out the project (~ 1 page)
5. Plan and schedule (~ 1 page)

Independent Study Supervisor

Faculty Member Name (Printed): _____
NAME SIGNATURE

Faculty Member Signature: _____
NAME SIGNATURE

(if needed)

Co-Advisor Name (Printed): _____
NAME SIGNATURE

Co-Advisor Signature: _____
NAME SIGNATURE

Return completed form to the MechE Academic Programs at 110 Cummington Mall

Administrative Program Use Only

Director of MS Programs Approval: _____ Date: _____

After this form is completely signed, the administrative office will register the student for the appropriate course and credit load.