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GIS & Data Communication Independent Study Proposal

Please complete and submit this form as part of your GIS and Data Communication Independent Study application. You may also submit your application in an alternative format, such as .docx.

Proposed Independent Study Description

In one carefully worded paragraph, explain the aim of the independent study. What is the question that this study answers? A paragraph or two that clarifies the limits and/or structure of the proposed investigation may follow.

Educational objectives

In a series of bullet points, list the skills and knowledge foundations that you, the student, will come to understand over this study. You may tailor the Independent Study Learning Objectives to create your specific educational objectives.

Texts/Precedents

Your course must relate to the current academic discourse on the topic. Provide a general and brief description of the competing theories by other authors and/or designers that will inform your 8 week-long exploration.

Description

Describe the overall direction of the independent study in more detail. Explain which topics will receive particular attention, how you will focus the course and how this particular course engages with previous coursework. Specific approaches, toolkits or data sets can be mentioned here to provide detail on the approach.

Assignments and evaluation

In what form will you present your research with due dates; and how will assignments be graded. Typically, grading would be pass/fail with narrative feedback from the Independent Study mentor. Specify the format of the final product.

Bibliography

Provide an annotated bibliography using any standard citation style.

Schedule

Provide a schedule that includes proposed day and time for one weekly meeting (30-50 minutes) with your Independent Study mentor via Microsoft Teams (or Zoom). The proposal must also delineate completion dates for required deliverables, with regular checkpoints between student and KN, due dates for projects and assignments, and a list of specific topics to cover on a week-by-week basis.

GIS Independent Study Mentor

I have identified an appropriate subject matter expert to serve as an Independent Study mentor. Provide their name, contact information, and a brief description of their related work or teaching. Do you have a personal or professional relationship with your proposed mentor? Is there any real or perceived conflict of interest with your mentor, such as family and professional relations? Please explain.

Note: *If you are identifying your own Independent Study mentor, you are responsible for contacting them ahead of time to check their availability & interest, and to ask if they are available to speak to the Program Director.*

I request support in identifying a subject matter expert to serve as an Independent Study mentor, including the pool of existing mentors.

Signature

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