All independent studies require prior approval by the MALS Curriculum Committee. The course number for registration is MALS 127. See the student handbook for Independent Study guidelines and deadline dates. This form should be filled out by the student in consultation with her/his instructor, and must be signed by both, as well as the concentration chair. Please address items 1-4 below in your proposal and attach to this title sheet.

**Course Goals and Objectives:** This should be 1-3 pages in length

How does this project fit within your overall plan-of-study in MALS? If this independent study will relate to your thesis project, please explain how they are related, and how they are distinct.

**Means of Evaluation:** Written or other requirements, with dates due

It is expected that students will write a minimum of 25-35 pages. This may be in the form of a single, final paper, multiple smaller papers, or several small papers and a larger end-of-term paper. Creative writing projects may adhere to different guidelines, as appropriate.

**Syllabus:** Methods, materials, readings, calendar of meetings with faculty supervisor

With respect to conferences with your advisor, it is expected that you will meet a minimum of once a week for one hour or bi-weekly for two hours. Include topics of discussion for meetings, readings and assignments due.

**Plan of Study Form:** Attach form with all completed courses and remainder of anticipated courses and requirements.

**SIGNATURES:**

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________
Signature: __________________________________ Date: ________________

Advisor’s Name: ____________________________________________
Signature: __________________________________ Date: ________________

Concentration Chair (GS & CW only):

Name: ____________________________________________
Signature: __________________________________ Date: ________________