Proposal for Courses Requiring Instructor Permission
(INLS 396, 696, 988, 992, and 994)

To: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Student Information
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Faculty Advisor: Sam Q. Faculty

Course Registration Information
Course and section number: ___992____ * Credit Hours (if variable credit) ____
Semester: __Spring 2014____
*INLS 396 and 696 may be taken for 1-3 credit hours; INLS 988 for 1-6 credit hours

Instructor Information
Instructor Name: ___Jane Q. Faculty___________________________
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Note: Faculty members are restricted to supervising a maximum of two (2) Undergraduate students per semester or summer session.

Please include your learning contract with this form (see instructions on third page) and return this form to the instructor for his/her approval.

Learning objectives
• To investigate the use of social media in community college libraries: the extent of use, the purposes of use, and the effectiveness of use in achieving its purposes.
• To conduct this research study and publish it as a master’s paper.

Readings/materials/methods
A preliminary literature review has been conducted (within the context of INLS 780). It will be updated as needed, for the final paper.
A survey of community college librarians in North Carolina is planned.
Deliverables and schedule of completion
January 15: Complete/submit IRB proposal
January 20: Qualtrics version of survey
January 30: List of those to receive survey
February 15: First draft of Introduction, Background, and Methods sections
March 3: First draft of results tables
March 21: First draft of Results, Discussion, and Conclusion sections
April 9: Final draft of paper

Schedule for meetings with supervisor
Two meetings prior to January 15
January 30
February 25
March 10
March 28
April 11

Assignment criteria
The final paper will be graded using the standard UNC grading system (H, P, L, etc.). The criteria used to evaluate the paper will include: novelty and importance of the research question, completeness and relevance of the literature review, validity of the methods used and quality of their execution, rigor of the data analysis, and clarity and originality of the written presentation.

Student: I have read the requirements expected of the student, agree to undertake these responsibilities, and will abide by the Honor Code’s responsibilities of students.

Student Signature ___________________________ Date ________

Instructor: I have read the requirements expected of the instructor, agree to undertake these responsibilities, and will abide by the Honor Code’s responsibilities of faculty.

Instructor Signature ___________________________ Date ________

This application for Independent Study has been reviewed. The proposal is:
☐ Approved As Is (student has permission to enroll)
☐ Not approved (provide rationale)

Program Director Signature ___________________________ Date ________

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☐ Enrolled ___________________________ Initial: __________