**Psychology 9031 (Graduate Independent Research)
Villanova University
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences
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The Independent Research course is an opportunity for students to complete a research project for course credit. The project is done under the supervision of a faculty member in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. Data collected as part of Psy 9031 may not be included as data in the student’s thesis project. The project may be related or unrelated to the thesis project.

Empirical data are part of all acceptable Independent Research projects. Most projects involve new empirical data collection. They may also be based on existing data but apply new analyses to the data in order to generate novel information, if the scope of such a project is equivalent to a project involving collection of new data.

All Independent Research projects include a product that describes the background, methodology, results and conclusions of the project and on which a substantial portion of the grade is based. Most often, the product is an APA-style research report. Alternatively, a conference-style poster presentation or other product that includes these elements is appropriate.

A student considering Psy 9031 should consult with potential faculty sponsors as early as possible during the semester preceding the one in which the project would be done. The requirements and properties of the project must be determined by the student and faculty sponsor and described on the attached form prior to registration for the course. Registration for Psy 9031 follows the same calendar as registration for other courses and requires completion of the attached form with signature of the student, faculty sponsor, G.A.C. advisor, and department chairperson.

Graduate Individual Research Request Form

**Course**: Individual Research – PSY 9031

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| Student’s Name: |  | Student ID: |  |
| Student eMail: |  | Semester: |  |
| Faculty Sponsor: |  |  |  |

Brief description of the project:

Formal requirements upon which grade will be based:

**Signatures**

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| Student: |  |
| Faculty Sponsor: |  |
| Academic Advisor: |  |
| Department Chairperson: |  |

Note: If your project is modified substantially, a modified version of this form should be prepared and submitted by the student.