**UNC Department of Communication Studies  
Independent Study Requirement Appeal Form**Please submit with your completed learning contract.

**Student Information (Section to be Completed by the Student)**

Student’s Name:

PID: Email:

Major(s)/Minor(s):

Cumulative GPA: Major GPA:

\*\* Eligibility requirements: An overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.5 in Communication Studies courses.

**Course Information (Section to be Completed by the Student)**

Course Number: Section Number:

Project Topic:

Prerequisite Courses:

\*\* Eligibility requirement: Successful completion of all regular courses offered by the Department of Communication Studies that are relevant to the particular project being considered.

Instructor of Record:

**Appeal Statement (Section to be Completed by the Instructor)**

Any exception to the Independent Study eligibility requirements will be based on advocacy from the instructor of record for the proposed course. The instructor, in conjunction with the student, needs to make the case that the student deserves an exemption by addressing the student’s merit and ability to succeed in an Independent Study. In cases when the appeal involves the GPA requirement(s), the instructor should detail the student’s achievements and explain why he/she is exceptional; the appeal should not focus on the reasons why the student’s GPA fails to meet the requirement(s).

Instructor’s Signature Date

Student’s Signature Date

**Administrative Approval**

This appeal has been reviewed and has been:

Approved

Not approved

**Director of Undergraduate Studies**

Print Name Signature Date

**Department Advisor**

Print Name Signature Date

**Department Chair**

Print Name Signature Date