

**MLS PROGRAM:  
APPLICATION FOR D601 as INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & Year \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL FORMAT OF LBST D601**

- **START:** Student has identified area of interest or general research idea
- **END:** Student will have well-defined and researched thesis proposal
  - Two chapters of thesis:
    - (1) Literature review
    - (2) Method or plan of work
  - Knowledge of relevant research ethics
  - Thesis committee members identified
  - Signed thesis proposal form submitted to director
- **FORMAT:**
  - Taken as a course with other students taught by the MLS Director, or
  - Taken as independent study with a member of the thesis committee
- **RECOMMENDED TEXT:**
  - Booth, W. C., Colomb, G. G., & Williams, J. M. (2003). *The Craft of Research*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- **REQUIRED**
  - One meeting of the entire thesis committee with the student to discuss the thesis proposal.

Instructor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the Director of Liberal Studies**  
(A copy will be sent to the instructor & the student upon approval)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Liberal Studies

Date \_\_\_\_\_