Graduate Independent Study in Landscape Architecture
Application and Proposal Requirements

Course Description
1-8 credits
This course supports a self-directed and individual collaborative study or project with a faculty member on a subject or in a manner beyond that which is available within the curriculum. The student’s submission of a written proposal in the department’s format, including a specification of outcomes, is required prior to enrollment and is agreed upon by the faculty advisor of the independent study. Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:
• Conduct self-directed research inquiry.
• Produce specific outcomes and meet conditions mutually agreed upon between the student and the faculty advisor.

Requirements:
• The student must obtain approval for this proposal from the instructor and the Director of the Landscape Architecture program prior to registering for LAND 7064. The Landscape Architecture program is not responsible for late registration fees.
• This course may be used as a substitute for a required course in the Landscape Architecture program, but only if the completed proposal is approved by the Director of the Landscape Architecture program.
• Projects that are approved for LAND 7064 must be completed in the semester of the approved application unless special circumstances arise, for which the collaborating faculty member may designate an Incomplete if the circumstances qualify according to University Rules. In such cases, the DAAP Incomplete Agreement form (available on daapspace) must be submitted to the Director of the Landscape Architecture program before the Incomplete is submitted to the registrar.
• Submit this material, signed by the instructor and the student, for approval by the Director of the Landscape Architecture program (email digital copy).

Name: ____________________________________________
UC M# __________________________________________ Email: __________________________
Preferred phone number for contact: ________________________________
Student’s Major: __________________________________________
Collaborating Faculty member (print) __________________________
Number of credits requested: ___ (3 maximum if for substitution for a required course; may not exceed 8 total)

Prior LAND 7064 Semester/Year ______ Letter Grade ______
Collaborating Faculty member __________________________
Project Title ____________________________________________

STUDENT SIGNATURE __________________________ DATE __________

FACULTY SIGNATURE __________________________ DATE __________

PROGRAM DIRECTOR SIGNATURE __________________________ DATE __________

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Project Title: 

Student Name: 

Faculty Collaborator: 

Semester/year of the project: 

Project Description: This section should include the details of the project, beginning with an abstract of the research. If a paper is included, how long will it be? If it is a built project, what will it be? Include the items listed by the faculty collaborator to complete the project as you discussed them. For example, a paper might be required to include an executive summary or abstract, graphic depiction and summaries of data, footnotes, photographs and images, references and a bibliography. A built project might be required to submit process and outcome documentation such as photographs, receipts, or other evidence, with a document that summarizes the project and its outcomes. Include a bibliography with your project description with complete citations. Web sources should be fully cited with site owner’s name and download date, at a minimum. Students undertaking undergraduate or graduate research may also be required to provide an academic-style poster for submittal to the Office of Undergraduate Research, DAAPworks, or other public outlets for dissemination of the work.

Learning Outcomes: What specific, attainable skills or knowledge will you gain as a result of completing this project? These might be listed as sentences that begin “After completing this project, I will be able to _________,” or “After completing this project, I will know _________.” Use the Student Learning Outcomes stated in the course description in this application.

Project Schedule: This would indicate the pre-scheduled meetings and action items with the faculty collaborator and other experts, intermediate deadlines, and final deadlines. Any other key dates that are relevant should be indicated, such as site visits, interviews, etc.

Literature Review: This section of the proposal should be an overview and summary of the available literature on the subject or related to the subject. The majority of the resources should be books, journal articles, professional magazine articles, and other credible sources. Web sites should not be the bulk of the reference material. All sources, including web sites, should be cited completely.

Special needs: Students may submit special needs forms with this proposal and to the faculty collaborator.

Required Components of the Final Document
Abstract
Study of Precedents
Literature review
Summary of interviews, visits
Summary of the research subject
Report and recommendations
Bibliography and References
All images should have captions and citations with the image

Signed copies of approved proposal: Faculty member, Student, Student’s Advisor