

INDEPENDENT STUDY FORM NEUROSCIENCE 3996F/G AND 3997G

To enroll in a Neuroscience Independent Study (I.S.) course, the student must be enrolled in the third year of the Honours Specialization in Neuroscience at Western. The student must also have an “A” average from the previous year and have permission of the Director of the Neuroscience Program. **This form must be completed (ALL boxes), signed and returned to Susan Simpson at susan.simpson@schulich.uwo.ca in order to register.**

A written essay of at least 2500 words (excluding references, abstract, and title page) will be due on the ***last day of classes*** for the term in which the course is taken. Without academic consideration, late penalties of 2% per day will apply. The course instructor will assign a second, independent marker for the final essay. Each supervisor will be expected to serve as a second marker for the same number of essays as the number of I.S. students they supervise each term. The independent marker will receive a copy of Page 2 of this form.

Written products MUST be submitted to TurnItIn on the course website before a grade is submitted. A mark must be submitted for each Independent Study course, even though the student may be continuing the project throughout the entire year with two consecutive Independent Study courses. NOTE: GRADES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK AFTER THE END OF CLASSES.

Research results, literature reviews etc. may not be reused for credit in the Neuroscience 4000E research thesis project. However, the feasibility of a study (i.e. research methods) or preliminary results may be tested/obtained in Neuroscience 3996F/G or 3997G and used as a proof of principle or provide rationale for conducting a future Neuroscience 4000E project. Projects completed in this course will be monitored by the Neuroscience 4000E course coordinator to ensure students do not receive credit in two courses for one project.

Student Name:	Student #:
Supervisor Name:	Student Email:
Average for last Acad. Year: (Must be 80%+)	I.S. Course(s):

Expected frequency of meetings between supervisor and student (minimum suggested contact is once every two weeks):

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

To be completed by Supervisor:

Please complete one version of this table per I.S. course this student is taking (i.e., if the student is taking BOTH 3996F and 3997G, please specify the work in which the student will be expected to engage in each term). The second marker will receive a copy of this page.

Due date for FINAL written assignment (this must be the <u>last day of classes</u> for the term in which the course is taken):
Brief description of project:
Specify work that is expected of the student (e.g., assigned readings, written essay, data collection, presentation, etc.):
Specify breakdown of marks (participation, presentation, final paper, etc.). There must be 4 or more graded elements:

Some Examples of Grading

Example of grading for a **Research Project:**

- Research Proposal
- Research Talk and Discussion
- Laboratory Grade
- Final Report

Example of grading for a **Literature Review:**

- Review Outline
- Participation/Attendance
- Review Presentation and Discussion
- Final Paper