

**Northwestern University/Chicago Botanic Garden
Plant Biology and Conservation Master's Program
Approval for Independent Study, PBC 499**

_____ (student name) will be signed up for an independent study PBC 499 with _____ (faculty) during the _____ (quarter name and year) quarter and the research topic will be:

_____.

During this quarter, the student will take the course for ___ units (it can be taken for 1-3 units but is typically taken for only 1, unless the workload is perceived by the mentor to be equivalent to more than one class). The student and advisor agree to hold regular meetings to discuss research progress and at the end of the quarter the advisor will submit a grade for this course.

The student and advisor must agree upon the expectations of both the student and advisor during the quarter. **This agreement along with the grading criteria must be attached to this form to get a permission number for enrollment.** The agreement can be as simple as a few sentences about the expected activities of the student and the role of the advisor or it can explicitly outline a schedule.

Signatures

Student

Research Supervisor

Date

Date

One copy of the signed form and attached agreement must be turned into Susan Black in order to receive a permission number to register for PBC 499. You can either deliver it to the program office (Hogan 2-144) or fax it to 847-467-0525, attention Susan Black.