

**The College of Wooster
Department of Philosophy
Independent Study Proposal**

Name: _____

Date: _____

I. Area of Project

This proposed I.S. project deals primarily with the following area(s) of philosophy
(check a maximum of 2)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Metaphysics | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical Theory | <input type="checkbox"/> Ancient Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epistemology | <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Ethics | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy of Math | <input type="checkbox"/> Biomedical Ethics | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy of Mind | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy of Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy of Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Existentialism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy of Language | <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Continental Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy of Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Logic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) |

II. Central Question(s) of this Project:

I propose to address the following question(s):

III. Prospectus

Please submit a prospectus—a brief account (250 - 750 words) of the project you are proposing. It should include any ideas you have for the organization (chapter/section breakdown) of the project. Explain what is at stake or why these questions are important. Indicate, to the best of your ability at this time, what you think your answer(s) to the central question(s) is (are) likely to be.

The prospectus is to be typed, it should follow I.S. format guidelines, and should be attached to this proposal form.

IV. Bibliography

Please also submit an initial bibliography of sources that are relevant to your project. This bibliography also should be typed and should follow I.S. format guidelines. (See the Philosophy Major's Handbook for the guidelines.)

- You are required to include a minimum of 10 entries.
- You should include *at least* one professional journal article, one book, and one book chapter. [A maximum of 5 of these entries can be selected from the readings you have completed in any of your courses. Indicate which are from coursework and which are items found in preparing this proposal.]
- In assembling this bibliography, be sure to make use of standard, reliable research databases such as PhilPapers.org, the *Philosopher's Index*, and the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (online).