INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICINE, HEALTH, AND SOCIETY (MHS 3850)
APPLICATION FORM

MHS 3850: Independent Research provides an opportunity for a student and faculty member to pursue a subject in depth. MHS 3850 research may include an analysis of primary sources, an analysis of secondary sources, literature review, clinical research or laboratory research. Students are required to submit an academic product as part of their MHS independent study. A typical academic product is a research paper of 5 written pages, double-spaced and 12 point Times New Roman, per 1 credit hour. The content of the product should be negotiated with the instructor. Even in the case of clinical or laboratory research, the student’s work must focus on the social and/or cultural dimensions of health and/or healthcare. There is no guarantee that a specific independent study will be possible at any given time. Contacting your instructor and applying early are the best ways to ensure approval.

Eligibility Requirements:
• Juniors and seniors majoring in MHS, who have already completed 6 hours in the major with an overall GPA greater than 3.0 and who have not already completed 6 hours of independent study, are eligible to apply for independent study in MHS.
• Exceptions may be made in rare circumstances for otherwise eligible sophomores. To request an exception, 1) explain your reasons for this exemption on the back of this form and 2) Submit a petition form, available from Buttrick 350, to the Dean’s Office.

Credit Requirements:
1. Maximum of 6 credit hours for all semesters of MHS 3850. May be repeated for credit if there is no duplication in topic, but students may earn only up to 3 credit-hours per semester.
2. No AXLE credit for MHS 3850.
3. Credit in MHS 3850 counts towards the electives requirement for the MHS major or minor.

Name: _______________________________________________________ Graduation Year _______________ 
Email: ______________________________________________________ Overall GPA: _________ GPA in MHS: __________

How many Hours of Credit in MHS 3850 have you earned previously? _______________

Hours of Credit (MHS 3850) currently being requested: ______________

Instructor:_________________________________

Only MHS and MHS-affiliated faculty may be instructors for MHS 3850. MHS and MHS-affiliated faculty are listed on the MHS website. In situations where the student is engaged in laboratory or clinical research, a non-MHS may serve as the student’s day to day supervisor. However, the MHS or MHS-affiliated instructor will assign the student’s grade based on assessment of the agreed upon research product(s) and input from the day-to-day supervisor.

APPLICATION ITEMS TO ATTACH TO THIS FORM:
1. A written study plan detailing the nature of the project, the academic product, and the arrangements of supervision by the instructor.

DEADLINE
Documents above must be submitted to the MHS Program Administrator in Calhoun 300, preferably by the end of the registration period in the previous semester, but no later than the Friday before the first day of class. If MHS does not receive your request by the Friday before the first day of class in the semester to which you are applying, your request may not be processed in time for you to be enrolled for that semester.

PROCESS MHS will process the application and students will be notified via email if their application is approved.

FACULTY SUPERVISOR: Printed name_________________________ Department ____________________________
Email address________________________________________________ Signature__________________________ Date:_______

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Decision: Approved/Not Approved (circle) Name ___________________________ Date: ________________
Student contacted with result: Name ___________________________ Date: ________________