DEPARTMENT OF
COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Application for Undergraduate Independent Study(CMSC498A/CMSC289A)

Name:_____ Current Major(s):_____

UID:_____ Email Address:_____

Phone Number:_____ Anticipated Graduation Term & Year: _____

CS Advisor:_____ Signature:_____

Course:_____ Term:_____ Number of Credits: (1-3)_____

The purpose of an independent study (CMSC498A / CMSC298A) is to allow advanced undergraduates to pursue an individualized course of study. In essence, you would be designing your own course in order to learn, under the supervision of a faculty member, topics not already covered in other courses offered by our department.

IMPORTANT: CMSC298A and CMSC498A are not intended to primarily focus on research – if you are interested in independent research, please register for CMSC499A. Before filling out this form, you must contact a faculty member who is working in (or knowledgeable about) the particular field within which you want to conduct your independent study. Together with your faculty sponsor you must agree on a study plan that contains the elements required below.

This application form acts as a contract between you and the faculty sponsor to ensure that both parties meet the expectations that were set out during your initial meeting.

The completed form, signed by both you and the faculty sponsor, must be returned by the first day of classes of the relevant semester to the Computer Science Undergraduate Advising Office or your assigned Academic Advisor.

IMPORTANT: Each credit hour (Carnegie unit) corresponds to at least 3 hours of work per week for the duration of the semester. The study plan must match this level of effort.

Grading procedure (To be filled by the faculty sponsor) Include information about how the grade in this class will be assigned.

Plan of study (300-500 words, to be filled by student in consultation with faculty sponsor)

Deliverable

What will be the outcome of your work at the end of the semester? Most typically this is a short scientific paper or re-

Faculty Sponsor's Name: Phone Number:

Faculty Sponsor's
Signature   Date:

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GPA:_____   Permission Granted:_____

Credits Earned:_____   Emailed:_____