

**MASTER OF ARTS LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM  
INTEGRATED STUDIES OPTION**

**Student's Outline of Independent Study Goals and Objectives**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The independent study portion of the Integrated Studies option is designed to provide breadth of knowledge in the area of concentration you select and to enable you to explore in greater detail a problem or topic of special interest to you. Your study will help you become familiar with the methods, concepts, and issues in several related disciplines. It will also help you decide upon a topic for study or research in the completion stage of the program.

Your responses to these questions will assist the College faculty and staff in identifying a plan of action to assist you in the development of your individualized study program. You will need to schedule a conference (by telephone or in person) with each of your faculty members (if they are available) prior to starting each Independent Study course.

1. What is your overall goal or objective in the MA program?

*(Example: My primary field of interest in pursuing this degree is in the beliefs, religious practices, and world views in the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean during the Greek and Roman era. My intention is gain an understanding of the various religious influences in the environment which brought rise to Rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity in the first century C.E.)*

2. Describe the particular problem or topic you plan to pursue in the MA degree program. Mention such things as how your interest developed, your related knowledge or background, the ways in which you see to approach the topic, etc.

3. What specific courses would contribute toward your overall research objective? Please list four to five courses.

4. What resources are available to you for this study? Do you have particular experiences or access to specific facilities or organizations which would contribute to your work? Do you know of OU faculty who would be willing to work with you?

5. What kind of learning activities do you think would benefit your study....reading assignments, projects, creative works, field experience, classes, attending concerts, lecture, performances, etc.?