Dear Faculty Member,

The Honors College would like to thank you for interest in serving as an instructor of record for an Honors Independent Study.

Independent study courses are very important to Honors education at NAU, and students typically use them to work on projects of interest and to support their Honors Capstones. Independent study courses are intended to provide added value to regular coursework and allow students to shape their educational goals. Ideally, independent study courses are tailored to help students develop skills in research, writing, and public speaking.

The independent study coursework varies by major and discipline, and faculty have latitude in determining the nature of that work. The common denominators are that the independent study requires significant effort and that the student is involved in the planning process. The scope and final direction of the project should be determined by the faculty member and the student; the projects themselves will vary greatly depending on the content. Some examples of independent studies worth three units include:

A robust research paper totaling in 30 pages of academic writing A business evaluation An educational unit plan for three months of an elementary science curriculum An original gothic horror novel for young adult audiences An original documentary on oral histories of first generation students

These suggestions are not intended to be exhaustive, and we encourage faculty to help students develop innovative projects that will enhance student understand TETCEMC PMCID 17 BDC q0.000009120 62792 eW\*hBTF2 1.04 Tf1 0 022 deET