

Application for Undergraduate Independent Study (CMSC298A, CMSC498A)

The purpose of an independent study 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, either in person (AV Williams Building, Room 1119), or by email to ugrad@cs.umd.edu.

Student information

Name:

UID:

Email:

Faculty sponsor information

Name:

Email:

Course information

Semester:

Course (select one): CMSC298A CMSC498A

In order to register for CMSC498A, you must have completed CMSC330 and CMSC351. Otherwise select CMSC298A which is only Satisfactory/Fail.

Credits (1-3):

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. (homework assignments, problem sets, specific project, exam, etc.)

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

Faculty sponsor signature:

Date:

Student signature:

Date: