

SLIS S602 PROPOSAL FORM:

Directed Research

Indiana University School of Library and Information Science - Indianapolis

Return to: SLIS Indianapolis Administrative Office, 755 West Michigan Street, UL 3100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

A detailed proposal should be prepared for the faculty member directing the project and a copy of that detailed proposal attached to this form. The approved form will be copied for the student and the original returned for SLIS files.

Student's Name: _____

(please print)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

ID # _____ EMAIL _____

Brief description of project:

Circumstances which make this project appropriate:

Semester to be enrolled: _____ # of credit hours: _____

Signature of student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of instructor: _____ Date: _____

Final Approval: _____ Date: _____

SLIS Administrative Office

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE:

For Fall: July 15
For Spring: November 15
For Summer: March 15

POSITION STATEMENT ON S602 – Directed Research

S602 allows students to develop or conduct research projects under faculty supervision. These research projects are often extensions of work begun in a course, or in some other way build on preparation received during one's studies at SLIS. For example, a student may evaluate an interface for an information system, prepare a survey on information use, or develop an instructional unit for library or information system users. It is expected that the need will exist frequently at the doctoral level but seldom at the master's level, where the goal of the program is broad-based professional foundation. Therefore, advisers should generally counsel master's candidates to take regular courses in the curriculum rather than S602.

When registration in S602 appears to be warranted, the student should ask the SLIS faculty member most closely related to the area of investigation to guide the student's work. This request form should be completed (with a detailed proposal attached) and submitted to the instructor. It should clearly define the research to be undertaken, the circumstances which make it necessary for the student to conduct this research, and the nature and extent of the final project or other indication of how the work will be documented. If approved by the instructor, the form and attachment will be forwarded to the SLIS Administrative Office for final approval.

While there is considerable latitude in how S602 courses are taught, the general expectation is 50 to 60 hours of work for each credit hour. In addition, students are expected to meet, at their own initiative, with the instructor at least five times during the semester (three to four times during a summer term).