I, _______________________, am aware of the critical writing component (minimum 20 pages) of the requirements. I have described how critical writing will be part of my Independent Study on the W-course justification form.

I understand that substantial revision (not simply correction of mechanical errors) is a requirement in W-courses. I agree to undertake substantial revision of my work in the course of this Independent Study. If the basic product that I am responsible for submitting to fulfill the written requirements for this Independent Study is one long paper, I agree to submit it in stages to my professor, so that feedback and revision can take place.

I have demonstrated to my sponsoring faculty member that I have already taken and passed at least two W-courses at Southern Connecticut State University.

Signature of the Independent Study student: __________________________ Date: _____

Signature of the sponsoring faculty member: __________________________ Date: _____

This form of agreement is to be attached to the student's Independent Study W-course justification form before the appropriate Dean signs off on the agreement.

Note: Critical (analytical) writing addresses a question for which there is more than one plausible interpretation, explanation, analysis, or evaluation, and thus requires original thought from the student.
Independent Study for W-Credit Justification

Student's Name: ______________________________ SCSU ID# ______________

Faculty Supervisor's Name: _______________________________

Department and Course Number: _______________________________

Semester for which permission is requested: _______________________

Please include the following:
A copy of your course outline or syllabus and copies of possible assignments for the course, showing that they fulfill the expectation that "A significant portion of the writing for the course should be critical (analytical).

In the space below or in a separate document, provide a description of how this course’s critical (analytical) writing will emphasize revision as part of the Independent Study.

How will this course require the student to write 5000 words over the course of the semester?

Please describe what percentage of the final grade will come from writing assignments.

Please describe how grades on the revised papers will be weighted.

___________________________
Decision: Approved for W-Credit or Denied for W-credit

Dean’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: ____________

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