

D.I.S. DEGREE CONTRACT

Expectations:

The transition from course work to independent research is difficult and *you alone* are responsible for successfully completing your degree. We expect you to be dependable, independent, creative, and disciplined.

Be knowledgeable of the policies, deadlines, and requirements of the D.I.S. program, the Honors College, each department within your D.I.S. curriculum, and the university. Comply with all institutional policies, including academic program milestones, laboratory practices, and rules related to chemical safety, biosafety, and fieldwork.

Attend D.I.S. meetings and other events. Progress and problems should be summarized and ready to discuss to make these meetings efficient.

D.I.S. Research/ Creative Project Requirement:

I proposed, in writing, my DIS Research/Creative Project to the D.I.S. Oversight Board. I understand that I may alter this proposal only with written approval from the Dean and Director. I will provide a final proposal prior to my senior year to be approved by the D.I.S. Oversight Board. A minimum of eight semester credit hours (registered as 490R's) are required in support of the D.I.S. project.

Academic Requirements:

I acknowledge that I am required to take a minimum of 120 semester credit hours to complete my D.I.S. degree. Of those credit hours, no fewer than 92 must be D.I.S. course work (30 per discipline, 15 of which must be at the 400 level). As required for any student at Montana State, I will fulfill all of the C.O.R.E. 2.0 requirements. I agree to complete HONR 201 and HONR 202 or HONR 301, as directed by the D.I.S. Oversight Board.

I acknowledge that I will only be eligible for my D.I.S. degree if these requirements have been fulfilled.

Amending Any Course Plan:

I acknowledge that any changes to my Course Plan & D.I.S. Project will require completion of a D.I.S. Amendment Form, which can be acquired from the Honors College. Any curricular or project changes must be approved by the D.I.S. Oversight Board prior to registration for amended classes.

No more than three courses per discipline may be changed in total. If more than three courses in a single discipline are changed, a new proposal must be approved by the D.I.S. Oversight Board.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Declared Home College: _____ Date: _____

Declared Home Department: _____ Date: _____

Honors College Dean: _____ Date: _____

D.I.S. Degree Director: _____ Date: _____