

Trinity College Independent Studies Programme

Grading template (social sciences and humanities)

Trinity College Independent Studies Course number: _____

Student name: _____

Supervisor name: _____

Second Reader name: _____

	Date for submission to supervisor/second reader	Date for graded version to be submitted to Program Director	% of final grade
Progress report			(e.g. 20%)
Research aptitude			(e.g. 10%)
Final report: supervisor			(e.g. 45%)
Final report: second reader			(e.g. 25%)

Progress report: This should be submitted to the supervisor three weeks prior to the the last date for dropping courses without academic penalty (for H courses) or by the last day of class in the first semester (for Y courses). The supervisor should send the graded copy to the Program Director within 7 days of receipt. The progress report should include an introduction to the project, with an appropriate bibliography and a description of the work achieved to date. The typical length will be about 5 pages plus bibliography.

Research aptitude: The student will be evaluated based on quality and quantity of research performed. The evaluation will include aspects of industriousness, initiative, independence and critical assessment of sources. The supervisor will submit the grade for research aptitude to the Program Director within 7 days of the last day of classes.

Final report: The final report will take the form of a research paper in the relevant field of study. The length of the paper and format will be agreed by the student and supervisor at the start of the project. The final report should be submitted to the supervisor and second reader on the last day of class. The supervisor and second reader should submit final graded reports to the Program Director within seven days of receipt.

Final report length and format: _____