INDEPENDENT STUDY PLAN

*(Copy of this plan to be distributed to student, faculty member and department file)*

*TOPIC AREA:* Mitigation

*GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:*

1. Develop a thesis statement for the independent study.
2. Perform scholarly research to support a credible evaluation.
3. Prepare a formal research paper that will prove or disprove the thesis.

*SCOPE OF STUDY / ASSOCIATED STUDENT ACTIVITIES:*

1. Research mitigation and its efficacy in American communities.
2. Collect and present information to prove or disprove the thesis statement.
3. Conduct formal research to accomplish the Independent Study goal that includes the outcome of the thesis.

*STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:*

1. Acquire and analyze information to identify impediments to mitigation that prevent American communities from applying hazard mitigation.
2. Explain the results of the research and thesis applying appropriate emergency management terminology and principles.

 *METHODS OF EVALUATION:*

1. Submit an outline identifying the major components of the thesis and research resources.
2. Submit a draft of the thesis by June 4, 2017 or sooner.
3. Submit the final paper by July 4, 2017 or sooner.

*APA Format, 4-6 impediments to mitigation, 3-5 pages per each impediment noted and 12-16 pages.*