

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Study courses consist of projects that are problem-centered and action-research oriented and may be undertaken on a variable-credit basis. Independent Study is to be used judiciously. Graduate students may pursue independent study/research for 1-3 credits, when appropriate.

1. The student must be a matriculated student, in a graduate program with a 3.00 cumulative grade point average.
2. An independent study may be requested for the following reasons:
 - a. To provide an exceptional student with specialized study or to respond to exceptional circumstances
 - b. To substitute for a course that is not offered by the department, when the study of such a topic on an independent basis would enhance the student's education in the field of study
 - c. To substitute for a required course that is not offered in time for the student's graduation in cases where the student is not at fault
3. Approval for the independent study is required from:
 - a. the graduate advisor
 - b. the department chair
 - c. the college dean
4. In a total program of study, no more than six credits of independent study will be allowed.
5. Exceptions to this eligibility criteria will be determined by the college dean's office.
6. Grading will be governed by the standard University academic regulations.
7. At a minimum, the student will enter into a learning contract with the faculty member detailing the purpose of the study, the product to be accomplished, the number of contacts with the faculty member, and specific requirements for grading.