

How to Register for an Independent Study Course

Independent study is available to degree-seeking students only. Non-degree students are not eligible. Departmental approval is necessary prior to enrollment. An independent study gives students an opportunity to do more detailed research than is generally possible in a particular course. Research often involves areas and topic not currently covered by existing courses. The Independent Study requires a greater level of effort than standard course offerings.

Students who request to complete an independent study course must:

- Establish that a faculty member (preferably a full-time graduate faculty) is willing to be the advisor for the independent study.
- The student and faculty should agree upon a general topic. Prior to receiving final approval, the student should conduct a preliminary investigation of the subject to ensure that there are resources to support the subject matter.
- Submit the Individualized Section Form to the Graduate Student Services Office after obtaining permission from the instructor and the senior associate dean.

Please note:

- The student should submit progress reports to the faculty periodically to gain regular feedback on his/her progress.
- The student and faculty should agree upon the criteria the faculty will use for grading the independent study.