Independent Study

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Undergraduate students

Independent study allows students to explore a topic of interest under the guidance of a faculty mentor who supervises and directs the student's research. Independent study opportunities are available to qualified students with approval from the faculty mentor and department chairperson. Students may not enroll in more than one independent study course in a single semester without written approval from the Academic Dean. In addition, students may complete no more than six total credits through independent study (normally two courses) without written approval from the Academic Dean.

The Pass/Fail grading option is not available for independent study courses. Independent study courses also may not be used to fulfill General Education requirements without written approval from the Academic Dean.

All independent study courses require written approval from the faculty mentor and department chairperson and must include a title and description of the proposed project.

Graduate Students

In rare circumstances, students may be allowed to complete graduate independent study. Students are eligible to graduate independent studies after completing nine graduate credits. No more than three credits of graduate independent study may be used toward a graduate degree.