

## INDEPENDENT STUDY, INDEPENDENT RESEARCH, OR DIRECTED STUDY INSTRUCTIONS

Special course designations are used to allow credit for independent study, original research, or directed study. The content on independent study or independent research may not be the same as the content of regularly offered courses. *Students registering for independent study, independent research, or directed study must do so during the regular drop/add periods.* Other restrictions may be found in the undergraduate catalog.

- Independent study and independent research must include an examination of primary sources to the greatest extent possible, the conducting of original experiments where appropriate, the creation of original artistic works when appropriate, and the presentation of results and conclusions in a scholarly fashion. Secondary sources, textbooks, and reference works should not be the sole basis for the project. The results or conclusions may be presented orally in a seminar situation, by performance or exhibit, or in a written paper. The student, in consultation with a faculty supervisor, must prepare an abstract of the independent study or independent research, together with a brief description of methods and literature sources. The project should be given a short title that can be entered on the transcript when the grade is given.

The supervisor should work closely with the student, especially in the planning stages, so that the design of the problem is within the time and credit limitations.

- Student(s) may enroll in a Directed Study Class if it is designed to expand knowledge and techniques in Art Studio or if there are special circumstances and the content of a specific course is needed in the program of study (e.g., the class is needed to graduate before the next time the class is to be scheduled and a course substitution is not feasible). If the class is intended to substitute for an existing course, the syllabus and outline for completion must be attached and the special circumstances identified. More than one student may enroll and collaborate in a specific directed study if needed.

A student planning to register for independent study, independent research, or directed study should consult with the prospective faculty supervisor well in advance of registration in order to delineate the problem or identify the course content to be covered. For each semester hour credit, the student should expect to spend at least four hours of work per week. The supervisor should schedule regular appointments with each student, preferably on a weekly basis.

A form for these purposes follows. The completed form must be submitted to the school/college dean and for approval prior to registration.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY, INDEPENDENT RESEARCH, OR DIRECTED STUDY

(Please Type)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: @

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Adviser's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Proposed Independent Study, Independent Research or Directed Study

1. Course Number (e.g. ENGL 4/590, ENGL 4/592, ENGL 493/593):
2. Number of credits:
3. Semester: Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_\_\_
4. Title of Proposed Project:
5. Attach Abstract or, if a Directed Study, attach a course syllabus and complete Item 7 below.
6. Student's statement of need and use:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Credit toward major  
\_\_\_\_\_ Credit toward minor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Elective credit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Non-degree credit for teacher certification  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other.  
Specify \_\_\_\_\_
7. Special circumstances for Directed Study:

*My signature reflects that I understand that I am adding the above course and I am responsible for the tuition charges and any fees associated with the course.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Supervisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair/Program Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve OR Disapprove

College/School Dean: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve OR Disapprove  
(Final Decision)

## **Independent Study or Independent Research Abstract**

(Please answer the following in relation to your Independent Study or Independent Research.)

Research Topic:

Title:

Faculty Supervisor:

Research Design:

Literature Sources:

Dissemination: How will the results of the study be reported? (I.E. seminar style presentation, demonstration, exhibit or in a written paper)