

Directed Independent Study

Directed Independent Study is a way for students to learn, on an individual basis, course content and receive academic credit under the direction of a faculty member. An independent study arrangement is allowed under special circumstances. Students should contact the relevant department dean or director for more information about requesting an independent study arrangement.

Before enrolling students in independent study courses, instructors should contact the appropriate division dean or director to discuss the situation. If both agree that an independent study arrangement is the best option, then the instructor for the course must complete an independent study contract providing the course outline, course requirements and expectations with the student. The student must take the approved contract along with an official registration/add form to the registrar's office for processing.

Academic credit will be granted for directed independent study courses on the same basis as courses completed through classroom instruction. The same drop procedure applies and failure to complete the requirements of the contract will have the same consequences as failure to complete the course requirements as listed in the course syllabus of a regularly scheduled classroom course.