

Independent Study/Thesis

Independent study and research is advanced work that allows students to go beyond existing course work to investigate a topic or hypothesis. The subject matter should be one that is not normally covered in regular course work. The work is supervised and evaluated by a faculty member and culminates in a significant paper or report. The independent study should be focused on a clearly defined subject matter of genuine intellectual and academic substance. Students interested in doing independent study are encouraged to discuss with faculty members their ideas and the feasibility of earning credit. Independent studies are variable credit from one (1) credit to three (3) credits.

Requirements/Guidelines

For Students who wish to pursue an independent study, the requirements are as follows:

1. Submit an electronic one-page (300 words) statement of interest to the faculty member they wish to do the independent study with.
2. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 in order to apply for an Independent Study
3. Independent Studies may only be done at the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior level with a full time standing member of the UC faculty.
4. All independent studies will be numbered: example: IS 2773
 - a. Course code: IS (Independent Study)
 - b. Level (first #) 2 = sophomore, 3 = junior, 4 = Senior
 - c. Middle numbers (77): indicates independent study
 - d. Last number (3) = the number of credits awarded to the student upon successful completion.
5. Independent study courses may not be used to meet requirements in a major.
6. Students may only do one (1) independent study at a time.
7. Independent Studies must be electronically submitted to the Academic Regulations Committee (ARC) two weeks before the first day of preregistration in the fall or spring. The committee will make a decision about all proposals received before preregistration begins.
8. Guidelines for hours:
 - a. 3 credits:
 - i. 1 contact hour per week directly with the faculty member
 - ii. 8 minimum hours of study per week
 - b. 2 credits
 - i. 1 contact hour per week directly with the faculty member
 - ii. 5 minimum hours of study per week
 - c. 1 credit
 - i. 1 contact hour per week directly with the faculty member
 - ii. 2 minimum hours of study per week

Application for Independent Study
Unity College

Name: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Course Level: Sophomore Junior Senior

of Credits _____

Title of Independent Study: _____

Date project begins: _____ Date project ends: _____

Previous Related Courses: Course #: _____ Grade: _____

Description of Independent Study:

Learning Objectives:

How will achieve your objectives:

How will you demonstrate that you have met your objectives: (You may attach a tentative syllabus including learning objectives, topics to be covered, and method of grading)

Faculty statement of acceptance:

By submitting this proposal to the Academic Regulations Committee I acknowledge that this proposal has been approved by the Center Director.

Faculty name: _____

Date: _____