

Independent Study:

If you wish to pursue a Departmental independent study project for academic credit you must first have chairperson approval and a faculty advisor for the project. You are eligible for independent study only if you are matriculated, have completed at least 9 credits of graduate work and have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0. You and a faculty advisor must obtain from the School of Graduate Studies Office an independent study application form which outlines the University policies and guidelines for independent study. A completed application form with required signatures must be presented to the Departmental Chairperson and to the Records Office. The independent study course number must be entered into the University semester course schedule before you can register for an independent study.

Generally, an independent study may not be taken in place of a required Departmental academic course unless there are extenuating circumstances which may involve graduation or meeting certification requirements.

Auditing A Course:

With instructor and advisor permission, a course may be taken as an audit (no grade assigned - no influence on grade point average). In the Department, permission to audit is generally granted if a student has had similar course material in a course taken at another institution, or, if the student wishes to gain information in a course which is not part of his/her planned program. For instructions, see the most recent undergraduate catalog or University Student Handbook.

Please note: A student who audits is expected to attend classes on a regular basis and be listed on the course roster as an auditing student. You must pay the regular registration price for the course.