

**Independent Study:**

Students who wish to pursue a Department independent study project for academic credit must first have chairperson approval and a faculty advisor for the project. Students are eligible for independent study only if they are matriculated, have completed at least 9 credits of graduate work and have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0. The student 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 Department Chairperson and to the Records Office. The independent study course number must be entered into the University semester course schedule before the student can register for an independent study.

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