

## **Departmental Policy on Independent Studies**

The primary intent of an Independent Study course is to allow a well-prepared student to investigate an area of mathematics that is not usually covered by regular departmental offerings. On occasion, should extenuating circumstances occur, the department Chairperson may allow a student to take a course that appears on the departmental course rotation in an Independent Study format. However, irrespective of whether the course appears in the catalog or not, students and instructors should consider the following guidelines established by the Mathematics Department Curriculum Committee:

1. If the intended subject of the Independent Study is to be taught in a regular course format within the next 12 months, students will normally not be permitted to take it as an Independent Study.
2. In order to undertake an Independent Study course, a student's GPA in all mathematics courses already taken by the student must be at least 2.7.
3. To the instructor: an Independent Study course must include regular assessments and evaluations that are comparable to what is normally required of students taking the course in a regular format.