

Independent Study - *Instructions*

Registration Procedures for Independent Study course:

1. **Contact the department to obtain the full version of this contract.** Then the student and instructor complete entire Independent Study Contract (*form will not be processed if information is incorrect or incomplete*). Please allow 1 to 2 weeks for processing.
2. After this contract has been signed and completed, the department will create a section of an Independent Study course and contact the instructor and student with registration instructions.
STUDENTS: Please do not attempt to register for an Independent Study course until AFTER the Behavioral Science department has contacted you with instructions.
3. When attempting to register in Banner, students will be asked for **department approval**. To get department approval, please contact your instructor. Please do not ask your advisor to provide you with approval.

Description of the Course:

Independent Study may be taken by qualified students (junior or senior level) who wish to undertake a well-defined project or directed study, related to an area of special interest. It requires individual initiative and responsibility. The course includes limited instruction and faculty supervision. Subject areas must be related to the specified field (i.e. anthropology, psychology, sociology, or social work) and contain enough academic rigor to warrant the credit sought. This class may be taken for 1-3 credits per class and may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Independent Study is not intended to be a substitute or replacement for courses offered by the Department of Behavioral Science.

Requirements:

Students should be aware that the design of any independent study project is primarily theirs. It is also the student's responsibility to find a faculty member willing to work with them. Faculty will assist in refining a student's topic, method of investigation and outcome measure, but the project undertaken should meet the specific needs of the student.

The hours required to successfully complete this course are equivalent to the hours required of an in-class experience.

45 hours classroom time + 90 hours out of class time = 3 credit course (i.e. 2 hours out of class for every hour in class)

Approved projects will have documented an equivalent time investment of approximately 135 hours for a 3 credit Independent Study course. The credit received is for senior level, upper-division work and must demonstrate the appropriate level of academic rigor and necessary hours.

Faculty Supervisor Availability:

Students must contact faculty as early as possible to secure their approval for registration. There is no contractual obligation and minimal financial consideration for faculty who choose to supervise independent study students. Each faculty member will monitor their available time and will limit the number of students accordingly. Faculty are under no obligation to agree to supervise an independent study project.

Faculty are responsible for authorizing student registration to Independent Study courses in Banner: MyUVU> Faculty Tab> My Classes>Course Selection Authorization Tool.