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## **Academic Policy INDEPENDENT STUDY**

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Independent study allows the student to pursue a unique interest through a program of study not available in any other established course. Independent study courses allow students to deepen a specific interest in a particular academic discipline.

1. To be eligible for independent study, the student, the proposed project, and the faculty supervisor must be approved by the department and the Dean of the college in which the study is to be undertaken. The application form must be submitted to the Registrar's office to complete the registration process. Independent study is included as part of the student's course load.
2. Special Study Assignment forms must be processed for independent study before the end of the add period of the semester in which the special study is undertaken by the student.
3. Faculty involvement in independent study is voluntary. The faculty supervisor will provide at least five (5) hours of instruction per semester hour upon the request of the student.
4. The Collective Bargaining Agreement provides additional stipulations.