

BCEA Course Descriptions

ISXX 399: Independent Study

Credits: 3
Schedule: TBA
Instructor: TBA
Course/Lab Fee: none
Cross-Listing: TBA
Prerequisite: approval of Academic Director

Course Description

The Independent Study course is a student-centered learning activity. It provides an opportunity for a deeper understanding in a specific area or topic, personalized to the student's interests and concerns, and thus is modifiable so as to create an exceptional learning experience. The course begins with a research proposal which will be submitted to the Academic Director and appropriate faculty member(s) for approval.

Upon approval, a milestone schedule will be established. By the third week, the student will have begun the project in earnest, and meet regularly (weekly) with her/his project advisor for guidance in analysis, composition, and research. The student is expected to submit all drafts of the study in a timely fashion, as scheduled by the advisor and is personally responsible for meeting all of the designated deadlines for the completion of the project. Approximately two weeks before the end of the semester students will make an oral presentation to the advisor and other research students.

By the end of the semester, the student must submit a paper based on the independent study proposal. Course credit equates approximately into 40-45 hours of research activity per credit hour. Evaluation Independent study projects are evaluated based on successful completion of all goals listed in the proposal and schedule; development of a bibliography and research evidence and materials; the oral presentation; and submission of a full-length report.