

Course Code: IND 288

Course Title: Independent Study

Department:

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 24.0199

Repeatability: 1

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 1-0-1; 2-0-2; 3-0-3; 4-0-4

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 4

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 4

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Independent study is designed to permit a student to pursue a study in an area of individual interest. Projects may take the form of a reading course, an experiment, or any other program of learning planned jointly by student and instructor. Documentation of expectations is required prior to registration. The topic of study may not be covered by any existing course in the college catalog. A minimum of 45 hours of student work (engagement with instructor plus independent work) is required for each credit hour. Repeatable for a maximum of 8 credit hours.

General Course Objectives

Increase knowledge and understanding in a specific area of interest.

Minimum Placement Levels

English

None

Reading

None

Math

None

Prerequisites

Approval of instructor or department chair

Minimum 2.0 GPA

Methods of Evaluation

Methods of evaluation will be determined by the instructor and documented on the Independent Study contract prior to student registration in the course.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Instructional materials to be determined individually by instructor for topic selected.

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Reasoning and Inquiry: Students will demonstrate the ability to solve problems using deductive reasoning and logic, quantitative reasoning, or the scientific method.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Plan of Study	1. Develop a formal plan of study, including learning objectives, learning activities, academic resources, anticipated obstacles, and questions to be answered by the independent study.	5	0	0
Inquiry	1. Investigate area of inquiry according to plan of study. 2. Communicate progress with faculty sponsor and incorporate feedback as necessary.	5-50	0	0
Evidence of Learning	1. Create evidence of attainment of objectives via appropriate methods of evaluation (for example, a critical/analytical research paper, creative work or performance, report of experimental outcomes and conclusions, etc.).	5	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
60	0	0