



Application for Independent Study
(Special Course Form must accompany this application)

Independent study comprises a course of study which is not available in the regular curriculum and for which the student has the appropriate background. It is offered at various levels: 2500, 3500, 4500, 5500, 6500 and 7500. Anyone seeking to pursue Independent Study must be a candidate for a degree from Appalachian State University or must be working for teacher licensure.

Student Name (Last name, First name & Intial) _____ Term & Year: _____

Student Banner ID _____ Student Email _____@appstate.edu

Academic Class ____ Sr ____ Jr ____ So ____ Fr GPA Previous Semester _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Course Prefix & Number _____ Credit hours: _____

Title of Study Project (limited to 28 letters and spaces) _____

Reasons for undertaking study project:

Academic preparation: relevant courses completed (graduate students list only graduate and senior-graduate courses) and all independent courses, including those you are presently taking.

Independent Course Name(s)	Grade	Credit hours	Instructor

Other Relevant Course Name(s) & Number(s)	Grade	Credit hours	Instructor

Signatures

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Instructor _____ Date _____

Signature of Chairperson _____ Date _____

INDEPENDENT STUDY OUTLINE

1. Course Description

2. Objectives of the Independent Study

3. Requirements (e.g., exams, research papers, evaluation criteria); percentage of formative and summative criteria must equal 100%.

_____ % = _____

_____ % = _____

_____ % = _____

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_____ % = _____

4. Reading List

5. Schedule of Conferences

Guidelines for Independent Study Courses

Independent Study is a special course, not listed in the regular curriculum, in which the student designs a project and then pursues it under the guidance of an instructional staff member who serves as a consultant for the student during the course of study. The faculty member who will direct the student's work, the chairperson, and the Dean or his/her designee must approve the Independent Study. Anyone wishing to pursue an Independent Study must be a candidate for a degree at Appalachian or working toward teacher certification.

GUIDELINES

1. An undergraduate student may take no more than 4 semester hours of Independent Study in any one term.
2. No more than 6 semester hours of Independent Study may be counted toward the undergraduate major, and no more than 3 semester hours for the minor.
3. Graduate students are limited by the Graduate Bulletin to a total of 6 semester hours in Independent Study, and they must have on file a Course of Study and the Admission to Candidacy Form.
4. A faculty member should direct no more than two different Independent Study courses in any one term.
5. These guidelines define policy in ordinary circumstances, although the department chairperson because of hardship or for some other extraordinary cause may make exceptions.

APPROVAL PROCEDURES

1. The student will confer with a faculty member who may serve as the director of an Independent Study.
2. If the faculty member agrees to supervise the Independent Study project, the Independent Study form is completed and a written prospectus drawn up. Both are presented to the department chairperson.
3. If the department chairperson approves, she/he will determine, in consultation with the faculty member, the number of semester hours credit for the project and sign the *Special Course Form* authorizing registration for the Independent Study. The proposal must then be approved in the Dean's Office of the College of Fine and Applied Arts, 220 Edwin Duncan Hall and in the case of a graduate level Independent Study, by the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. After the student obtains the necessary signatures, the Special Course Form is taken to the Registrar's Office and the student is registered for the Independent Study.

The department chairperson will maintain a copy of the application form and the prospectus in the departmental files. A copy of both will be supplied to the Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts.

SPECIAL COURSE APPROVAL FORM

(Undergraduate Students Only)

Please Type or Print Clearly:

Please check the appropriate box indicating the type of course:

Independent Study Individual Study Instructional Asst. Research Thesis or Dissertation
Study Abroad Other: _____

(If this is an internship, do not use this form. Students should contact the department for instructions on how to begin the approval process for an internship.)

Student Information:

Banner ID: _____
Student Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
Student ASU Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Course Information:

Term: Fall Spring Summer I Summer II Year: _____ Please Select Campus:
Course Prefix: _____ Course Number: _____ Credit Hours: _____ Main Campus
Course Title: _____ Distance Education
Course Meeting Dates: _____ Signature
Course Meeting Days and Times: _____ Date: _____
(required for 3520 courses only) Instructor Signature: _____
Instructor Name: _____ Instructor ASU Email: _____

Required Signatures:

Student: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
Chairperson: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
College Dean: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
(or Authorized Designee)
Graduate School Dean: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
(Graduate Students only)

Registrar's Office Use Only:

CRN: _____ Section Number: _____ Total Registered Hours After Course Added: _____
Added to Student's Schedule by: _____ Date: _____

For Undergraduate Students
Please return form to:
The Deans/Advising Office of
the course for further
processing.

For Graduate Students
Complete the online
form here.