

INDEPENDENT STUDY

(Directed Readings in Learning Design)

The purpose of an independent study course is to allow a student to pursue intensive individual study or research.

The student works with a graduate faculty member who is qualified to interact on the topic. The independent study may culminate in a formal research report, a technical report, or any other project that best represents the solution or competencies being pursued. The “end product” should be clearly agreed upon between the graduate faculty member and student before registering for credit.

The Procedure for Arranging an Independent Study

1. Before registering, inform your major advisor that you intend to pursue an independent study the following semester.
2. Work with your major advisor to identify the graduate faculty member most qualified to interact with you on the topic.
3. Prepare and present the graduate faculty member with a one page proposal of your anticipated topic and consult with the graduate faculty member to elicit cooperation and approval of your topic.
4. Once the graduate faculty member has approved the topic, submit the independent student form to your major advisor for approval. After both have signed the form, contact the Office of Graduate Studies secretary to register. You and the graduate faculty member have the option of choosing a specific title for this course. This title will appear on your transcript. If a title is not specified at time of registration, the title of *Directed Readings* will automatically appear on your transcript. Master’s students may choose to take the course for a grade (A-F) or graded S/U. All paperwork must be complete before you will be registered.
5. Meet with the graduate faculty member the first week of the semester to begin the study and prepare a timeline for completion.
6. Interact regularly throughout the semester with the graduate faculty member on the study.
7. Submit your final report or outcomes of the study to the graduate faculty member on the date agreed upon in the proposal. If your final report is a formal paper, it must conform to the APA manual.

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Name: _____ Credit Hours: _____

BGSU ID#: P00 Semester/Year: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Course #: LRND 6840 (Grade) LRND 6850 (S/U)

Title of the study

Objectives of the study

Outcomes of the study

Evaluation process and deadline for completion

Approved by: _____
Graduate Faculty Member Date

Major Advisor Date