An Independent Study is an upper level, specific area of academic work for majors that is based on a curricular “agreement” between a student and a designated faculty member. Therefore, the following criteria should be met in order to create a transparent, verifiable and documented course of study that is mutually beneficial for the student, the faculty supervisor and the department.

Please describe in detail the following: (attach this signature page and a separate document with responses to the application)

1. What is the specific subject and how does the proposed project seek to advance the student’s learning in this area?

2. Why is it necessary and advisable for the student to engage in this study independent of existing curriculum?

3. What are the specific learning goals?

4. What is the agreed upon grading criteria?

For Independent Studies in Design, students must get approval and a signature from both instructors below.

Deborah Trout, Head of Design Program

Ryan Gastelum, Production Manager

For Independent Studies in Acting, Directing, and Research, students must get approval and a signature from the instructor below.

Scott Magelssen, Head of Undergraduate Studies
Drama 410 Advanced Theatre Technical Practices
- Can be supervised by faculty or staff member and must be done on campus
- Intended for developing technical skills on an individual basis
- Grading for the independent study is on a 4.0 scale

Drama 490 Special Studies in Acting and Directing
- Must be supervised by a faculty member and be done on campus
- Not for off-campus acting or directing experience
- Grading for the independent study is on a 4.0 scale

Drama 491 Special Studies in Design and Technical
- Must be supervised by a faculty member and be done on campus
- Not for off-campus design or technical experience
- Grading for the independent study is on a 4.0 scale

Drama 499 Undergraduate Research
- Can be used as an independent study course for students helping faculty in research or in an area not covered by Drama 490/491.
- Grading for the independent study is on a 4.0 scale

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