

Independent Study Guidelines:

In planning one's program, doctoral students can take one tutorial study and independent reading for credit. Students should develop a program of study and research geared to their individual needs.

To arrange independent study for credit, students should consult the following guidelines.

1. Students must submit a request for an independent study course one semester in advance. (Deadlines are set and announced each semester). This entails a reading list with a one-paragraph proposal outlining the objective of the independent study that is done in consultation with the faculty supervising the course.
2. Students are generally limited to one independent study per career.
3. An independent study can only be taken after passing both parts of the First Examination, between 45 and 60 credits.
4. The number of independent studies offered in any given semesters depends upon the Program's course allotment.
5. M.A. students are not eligible to take independent study courses.

The Executive Officer decides which proposals to accept on the basis of which ones appear least similar to offered classes. Independent studies are not given if the class already exists. The intent behind an independent study is that it enables students who are at an advanced level in the Ph.D. program to explore specialized scholarly literature and research that is not part of the extant curriculum.

Sample Cover Sheet

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(Semester:)

(Title Here)

(# of Credits)

(Supervisor:)

(Name of Student) signature

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