

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

DEFINITION

At Michigan State University, Independent Study is planned study, highly individualized, not addressable through any other course format, proposed in writing by the student on a standard form, accepted for supervision by a faculty member, and approved by the student's academic advisor and the teaching unit at the beginning of the semester.

GUIDELINES

Independent Study should:

1. Consist of work not described in the University catalog in any other format;
2. Be taken under a course number commensurate with the student's class level, major field, and experience;
3. Relate to a subject for which the student has adequate preparation;
4. Be directed by a faculty member with whom there is a periodic contact and consultation throughout the study;
5. Not exceed eight semester hours of credit in a single semester;
6. Not exceed 10% of the credits earned in a bachelor's program;
7. Be applied for on the form provided by the university, or any equivalent departmental or college form;
8. **Be approved on this form before the student enrolls for the course.**

APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT

Please complete the form and obtain indicated approvals and necessary overrides before enrollment for the course. *(In CSUS, submit to GPC for review/signing, who then submits to Graduate Secretary for entering override and course enrollment, and files in student's permanent file.)*

Be sure to enroll for the correct course section (corresponding to faculty instructor for the Ind Study).