



## **Guidelines for Independent Study (4995) Courses**

Independent study courses offer students the opportunity to engage in more intensive study of special topics under the supervision of a faculty member. Independent studies may be used to grant students credit for work as follows:

The student conducts independent research under the supervision of the faculty member, or the type of work done by the student clearly advances their educational objectives.

Faculty and students arranging independent study courses should adhere to the following guidelines. Independent studies typically:

- ✓ are only available to juniors and seniors.
- ✓ are only available to students with a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average.
- ✓ are only available to students who have declared a major or minor in the subject area of the course proposed and have completed at least 12 hours in that major or minor.
- ✓ are only taught by full-time faculty members.
- ✓ include face-to-face meetings with the faculty supervisor, in addition to the completion of the agreed-upon work.
- ✓ include a cumulating writing, research, or creative project reflecting the knowledge gained in the research.
- ✓ should not be used to substitute for any regularly scheduled courses or required courses for either the Marquette Core Curriculum or the Diederich College of Communication curriculum.
- ✓ require students to complete the University Independent Study form and the Diederich College of Communication Independent Study Description forms, both of which are available online, and to secure all of the necessary signatures prior to the close of Registration.



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**4995 INDEPENDENT STUDY DESCRIPTION**

(To be filed with the Enrollment in an Independent Study Course 4995 - Undergraduate form)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MUID: \_\_\_\_\_

4995 Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

4995 Title (max. of 60 characters): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits:  1  2  3

Semester / Session and Year:  Fall  Spring  Summer 20\_\_\_\_

Schedule of Meetings with Supervisor (Weekly, Biweekly, Monthly, etc.):

Description of the topic and its relationship to your academic goals and course of study:

Tangible result of the independent study; what work will be graded by the Supervisor: