



INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL

Wharton students who wish to pursue academic interests not available in regularly offered courses can apply to pursue an independent study.

INDEPENDENT STUDY POLICIES

The following policies apply to independent studies:

- A minimum 3.4 cumulative GPA and completion of at least 24 CUs are necessary to pursue an independent study.
- Independent study courses may not be taken pass/fail.
- Only one independent study project can be completed in a semester.
- Students may complete no more than two independent study projects within Wharton and no more than two in non-Wharton departments.

Dual-degree students who wish to pursue an independent study with a professor in their other school should follow that school's policies and procedures.

HOW TO PURSUE AN INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students interested in pursuing an independent study must:

1. Meet with an academic advisor to discuss the feasibility of an independent study.
2. Work with a professor in a related field to articulate the purpose, requirements, and syllabus of the study. The professor will ultimately provide guidance and grade the independent study work.
3. Submit the completed Independent Study Proposal and all supporting documentation to the front desk in the Wharton Undergraduate Division (JMHH G95) for consideration.*

Independent study proposals must be submitted before the course selection period ends and will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Division Petitions Committee. After the committee meets, the student will be notified via email about the outcome.

* Please note that students who wish to do an independent study in finance must also complete the [Finance Department ISP Application](#).



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To be completed by student

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Dual-Degree Program Name (if applicable) _____

Penn ID _____ Email _____

Name of Independent Study _____

Course Description—Attach a summary of the proposed project, a detailed reading list, a timeline for meetings and assignments, and detailed information about assignments and outcomes.

If you do not meet the minimum requirements, please indicate why you wish to pursue this independent study at this time as well as how you are prepared to complete the independent study

To be completed by faculty/academic department

Faculty Name (please print) _____

Faculty Signature _____

Department _____

Course Administrator Signature _____

Credit Value _____ (Independent Study Courses may not be taken pass/fail)

Course Number _____ Term _____

Wharton Undergraduate Division use only

Minimum requirements: ≥3.4 GPA ≥24 CUs <2 WH IS <2 non-WH IS

Decision: Approve Deny

Signed for the Committee: _____ Date: _____