English 795, Independent Study

Independent Studies are a means for students to pursue study in an area not covered by the department’s regular course offerings. If taken for 4.00 credits, English 795 may count toward the English major requirements when needed. It may not count as a Capstone requirement. Because English 795 is not intended to substitute for regular courses, students desiring to register for Independent Study must submit a written proposal providing the details of their projects. A syllabus from an existing course is not an acceptable substitute for this description. The proposal must also be approved in advance by a Faculty Sponsor, who is required to submit a written rationale that specifies how the Independent Study project will add value to the student’s major experience.

How to register for an Independent Study:

To register for an Independent Study, you must submit a written proposal in the semester prior to when the independent study will be undertaken. The purpose of the proposal is to provide specific and detailed information about how you will earn academic credits.

1. Pick up an Independent Study Proposal Cover Sheet from the English Department secretary.

2. Discuss your ideas for an Independent Study with an appropriate Faculty Sponsor. If you find a faculty member willing to sponsor your Independent Study, work closely with her/him to develop a proposal which includes the following information:

   - A short paragraph describing the area you intend to study and a rationale for undertaking this study on an independent basis.

   - A reading list specific to your subject.

   - A short paragraph detailing how often you will meet with your Faculty Sponsor, and whether the project will involve components such as fieldwork, library research, etc.

   - A short paragraph giving details of writing assignments (how many papers you will be expected to write, and how long they should be, whether you will be expected to keep a journal of some sort, etc.).

3. Attach the finished proposal to the cover sheet, and have your faculty sponsor review it. If your sponsor approves the proposal, ask him/her/them to sign the cover sheet and submit a written rationale in support of your project to the English Department. Return it to the English Department office.

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Independent Study Proposal (ENGL 795)
Cover Sheet

Name: ___________________________ UNH ID#: ___________________ Major: ___________________________

Local Address: ________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ E-mail Address: _______________________________

Title of Project: ________________________________________________________________

Number of credits: __________________

Semester: Fall Spring Summer Year: ____________

Project Description: (Include bibliography. Attach extra sheets if necessary).

Signature of student: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Name of faculty sponsor: __________________________________________ (please print)

Signature of faculty sponsor: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

Signature of chair: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

To the student: Please complete this form, obtain your faculty sponsor’s signature, and return it to the English Department for approval. The Department will retain this form for your file.