

INDEPENDENT STUDY GUIDELINES MASTER OF HUMANITIES PROGRAM

- Master of Humanities students may register for HUM 7800 Independent Study, or for Independent Study in a particular department.
- Independent Study is advanced study of a narrowly focused topic and should not be taken in lieu of required or regularly offered course work.
- Students interested in pursuing Independent Study should take the Independent Study Application form (attached) to the instructor with whom they are interested in studying. Students should have a clear idea of the topic, project, or area that they are interested in studying and should be prepared to discuss their proposed project with the instructor.
- Most commonly, students will have successfully completed coursework with the instructor before that instructor is approached about directing an Independent Study.
- Instructors are not obligated to undertake Independent Study assignments. Directing Independent Study is not part of a faculty member's normal workload, and circumstances will often lead them to decline to accept Independent Study assignments.
- Should the instructor agree to undertake the Independent Study with the student, the student and the instructor should fill out the application form fully, paying particular attention to the proposed list of reading and the student's workload requirements (basis for evaluation).
- The completed application should be sent to the Humanities Program office for the director to review and sign. The student will then be given permission to register for the Independent Study.