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**ARTS & SCIENCE
LIBERAL STUDIES**

Independent Study Guidelines

For students interested in arranging an independent study, please refer to the guidelines below.

An independent study request is usually submitted in the form of a proposed syllabus. The syllabus should include the following:

- A proposed reading list for the independent study. Please note, the volume of reading should be appropriate for the number of credits requested (ie, comparable to other standard 2-4 credit courses)
- A proposed list of assignments. For an independent study worth 4 credits, a substantial final project would be necessary (though the final project may be a progressive work, incorporating some of the earlier assignments).
- An indication of the proposed meeting schedule between the student and the faculty advisor for the independent study. In this schedule, a general sequence of readings should be provided as well, in rough order (the general order can develop as the study proceeds too).

The student will share the information outlined above with the LS faculty member they intend to work with. The student will work with the faculty member to compile the readings and assignments. For a list of faculty in Liberal Studies, please refer to <http://ls.nyu.edu/page/faculty>.

Once the readings and assignments are set, this information should be submitted to Bob Squillace, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, for review and final approval.

If approved, Academic Advising also receives notice, and an advisor will enter permission and enroll the student in the appropriate number of credits for the independent study (IND-UF 301, 2 to 4 credits). All final grades for independent studies are reported to Bob Squillace.