**Independent Study in Women’s, Gender, and Sexualities Studies**

Opportunities for independent study for full, half, or quarter-unit credit are available provided existing coursework does not already address sufficiently the topic(s) of research interest and depending on faculty members’ availability to supervise, which may vary from one semester to the next. Independent study is not intended as a device for alleviating course-scheduling difficulties or as a means of avoiding a traditional one-unit course. Please note the following guidelines:

Students interested in doing an independent study should contact the faculty member with whom they would like to work. They should present a proposal for the independent study including proposed readings, research, and scholarly aims. (If the faculty member suggests a colleague whose research pertains more closely to the research the student wishes to pursue, the student should allow enough time to contact another faculty member.)

Together, the student and supervising faculty member should establish deadlines, revise objectives and reading as necessary and discuss anticipated outcomes. A one-unit independent study will require the equivalent amount of work as a typical one-unit WGSS class (that is, 10-14 hours per week); a half-unit independent study will require half that amount (5-7), a quarter unit, one quarter (2.5-3.5) A syllabus with specified learning outcomes, planned readings, schedule for meetings and anticipated dates for work completion should be submitted to the coordinator of WGSS in the semester preceding the independent study, ideally at least one month prior to the beginning of course registration for the coming semester, but will be accepted on a rotating basis in keep with standard Registrar’s guidelines for adding classes.

The WGSS advisory board will consider the proposed study and desired credit toward the major for which the student has applied at its first meeting following the submission of the proposal. Notification by the Board to the student and supervising faculty member will occur ideally no later than one week prior to the advising period for the coming semester, provided the submission is received in advance of faculty deliberation.

This form completed, with an attached syllabus, should be submitted to the office of the administrative coordinator of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, Nancy Propst.

**REQUEST TO PURSUE INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Student’s Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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For the work described in the attached syllabus which I commit to pursue, I am requesting credit applied to my major or minor in the amount of (please check one):

\_\_\_\_\_\_ one unit \_\_\_\_\_\_ a half unit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a quarter unit

Student’s signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As supervisor of this independent study, I have agreed to the plans and schedule outlined in the attached syllabus and commit to notifying the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program in the event of any serious interruption or failure to adhere to the agreed upon research plan.  
  
  
Supervisor’s signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_