INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

Chair, Committee on Courses of Instruction, c/o Academic Senate Office;
530-752-2220.

The Independent Study Program provides an opportunity for upper
division students to design and pursue a full quarter (12-15 units) of
individual study in an area of special interest.

A program qualifying as Independent Study will consist of one or more
courses in the 190–199 series. While the theme of such a program may
be reasonably broad, a recognizable common thread should unite all
the academic work you undertake during an independent study quarter.
Regularly offered formal courses will only be acceptable as a part of
such a program if they clearly fit its theme and contribute something
essential toward the realization of its objectives. The program is not to
be considered a way to take more variable-unit courses than normally
permitted.

The procedure for enrolling in an Independent Study Program is as
follows:

1. Develop, in general terms, a plan of study.
2. Locate a faculty sponsor or panel of sponsors and with their help and
   approval develop a detailed plan.
3. Complete a project proposal form (obtained from the Academic
   Senate office) and submit it to the Academic Senate Committee on
   Courses of Instruction.

The deadline for applications is the tenth day of instruction of the
term before; for specific dates, see the Academic Calendar (https://
registrar.ucdavis.edu/calendar/quarter/).

**Note.** Most courses in the 190-199 series are graded on a "Passed/Not
Passed" basis unless the instructor has obtained approval for letter
grading from the Academic Senate Committee on Courses of Instruction.
Requests for letter grading must be received by the Senate Committee
no later than the fifteenth day of instruction in the quarter in which the
course is offered.

You must report the completion or termination of the project to the
Academic Senate Committee on Courses of Instruction.