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## **Independent Study**

Students with special interests, adequate preparation, and a capacity to work productively on their own may apply for independent study, either English 295 or English 395. Note: neither English 295 nor English 395 counts toward course requirements for the major or minor.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors with particular interests may take 295 for 1 to 4 credits, if suitable directors for the proposed projects are available.

Juniors and seniors who have devised projects in literary criticism and scholarship, or in creative writing and journalism, and demonstrate strong preparation, are encouraged to take 395 for 4 credits. They should discuss their ideas for projects with their academic advisor and others in the department who might serve to direct the project. In most cases, a student should seek out department members with whom she has already studied; but if this is not possible, her advisor or the department chair will help her find someone to supervise the project. (Students studying off campus may pursue such arrangements by email.) The department will try to find such advisors for students, but cannot guarantee a student will be allowed to undertake an independent project. Planning ahead increases the probability of success. Again, preference is given to students who can demonstrate thorough preparation, normally through appropriate course work at the 300 level.

Seniors who have shown promise in one semester of 395, and who meet the College requirement of a 3.00 grade point average, may, with the approval of the director of the project, continue the independent work for an additional 4 credits, with the intent of writing a thesis to be submitted for honors.

### **295fs Independent Study**

*Does not meet a distribution requirement*

*The department*

*Prereq. soph, jr, sr, and permission of*

*department; 1-4 credits*

### **395fs Independent Study**

*Does not meet a distribution requirement*

*The department*

*Prereq. soph, jr, sr, and permission of department; 1-8 credits*