INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Study and On-Campus Research

Degree-seeking students pursuing a course of study not offered within the standard curriculum may undertake an independent study (e.g. a reading course, independent project, summer research, or its equivalent) with a College faculty member, if that faculty member agrees. To enroll in such a course, a student must complete the Independent Study or On-Campus Research Registration Form available from the Registrar's Office, including signatures from the instructor and department chair.

Internships and On-Campus Research require a minimum 45 hours per credit

- Internships are numbered 190, 290, 390, 490
- On-Campus Research are numbered 195, 295, 395, 495.
- Independent study and on-campus research require no less than 5 meetings with the instructor, or no less than 10 meetings with the instructor earn additional credits.
- When seeking permission from the department chair, the student should attach copies of the plan or outline of study, including a bibliography, and a document specifying the course objectives or requirements as agreed upon by the student and the supervising instructor.
- Independent study and on-campus research cannot be used to satisfy General Education requirements or the Senior Capstone Experience.
- Students may register for independent study or on-campus research on a Pass/Fail basis subject to the rules specified in the Pass/Fail Option (https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/academic-policies/grades/#text) section.
- Students may not earn more than 16 credit hours of independent study, internship, and on-/off-campus research credits during their academic career unless they complete more than the minimum of 128 credit hours required to graduate.

More information about Internships and non-credit Externships, Job Shadowing and other experiential learning (https://catalog.washcoll.edu/catalog/academic-resources/career-development/)