These are the guidelines and standards for “Independent Study” Undergraduate credit in Studio, Art History, Art Education, and Architecture for students and faculty at Tyler School of Art.

There will be a maximum of 1 student in Independent Study per full-time faculty per fall and spring semester.

The intended area of study must supplement, not supplant, existing studio, art history, art education, and architecture courses, and curriculum.

An Independent Study course shall count for 1-3 credits, with a maximum of 6 credits applicable toward the degree. You may not take more than 2 Independent Study courses in your career.

Independent Study courses shall carry upper level numbers. Students must be classified as juniors or seniors. Students should have prior experience with the faculty member teaching the Independent Study course.

A written proposal must be developed and agreed upon in advance of the beginning of the semester, describing the intended area of the investigation. At the end of the Independent Study, a paper must be submitted describing the outcome of the learning experience.

Only after the student receives written permission from the faculty member and the department chair may they register for the class.

A copy of the signed form must be sent to the Tyler Academic Advising Office. A copy must be held by the student and by the faculty member as well.
Name: __________________________________________

TU ID# (e.g. 999-99-9999): __________________________________________

Semester: ___________ Year: __________

Course Reference #: ___________ Credits: ________

Is this your first independent study (circle one)?   YES   NO
If you answered NO, please list course(s), sponsoring faculty member and a brief description:

The proposal must address:

1.)   Title of Independent Study:

2.)   Activities: What will you do? Be specific, indicating what you will make, observe measure, read, produce, etc.

3.)   Resources: What will you need for this project? Include bibliography, people, agencies, budget, equipment, studio space, and time.

4.)   Evaluation: What will you produce which your faculty sponsor will evaluate for a final grade? Describe how often and at what intervals you will meet with your faculty sponsor.
5.) Preparedness: Describe your prior learning, experience, and ambition to verify your capacity to carry out this project.

6.) Why must this be carried out as an Independent Study? Is there any existing course or curriculum that is similar to your proposed topic of investigation?

7.) Outline in specific terms your short and long term goals as they relate to this Independent Study.

Please acquire signatures in the following order:

1.) Signature of Student: __________________________ Date:__________

2.) Signature of Faculty: __________________________ Date:__________

3.) Signature of Department Chair: __________________________ Date:__________
   (To be signed ONLY with the above signatures)

One copy of this form MUST be delivered to the Tyler Academic Advising Office with completed signatures.