

MASTER OF SCIENCE INDEPENDENT STUDY GUIDELINES

Program code: GC 699

Requirements for an Independent Study

Independent Study is not a course in the usual academic sense. Its purpose is to provide a learning experience outside the formal classroom structure under the direction of a faculty member or a supervisor at the student's place of employment. The independent study is an opportunity to create a unique education experience beyond the didactic course offerings in the TJU course catalog.

Policies/Eligibility

- Neither certificate nor non-degree students are eligible to enroll in an Independent Study. You must be in an MS program.
- The Jefferson College of Biomedical Sciences allows a maximum of 1-3 credit hours towards the MS degree for an Independent Study.
- The maximum number of 3 credit hours of independent study does not have to be taken entirely within one term but may be spread across multiple terms. However, only a maximum of 3 credits may be enrolled in during the program of study for the MS degree.
- Independent Study is to be enrolled for in the same period as all other courses and it is expected that the Independent Study should be completed within the term of enrollment. Incomplete grades are not acceptable.
- You must be in good standing in your respective MS program and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 to enroll in an Independent Study.
- Independent Study cannot be used in lieu of a required core course.
- Independent Study is graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis.
- Independent Study credit will be granted upon satisfactory completion of the project requirements as defined in the Independent Study Agreement.
- The Independent Study Agreement must be signed by the student, the faculty member or work supervisor overseeing the activity, and the JCBS Program Director prior to registering for the course. An Independent Study may not be done retroactively. The agreement must be signed by all parties prior to the initiation of the project, and no later than the regular registration deadlines.

- It is expected that the faculty member or work supervisor overseeing the project will meet with the student periodically over the course of the term. Meetings may be in-person, by phone or *via* e-mail.
- The student should keep a copy of the signed agreement and the original should be emailed to Alexandra.whitman@jefferson.edu for inclusion in the student's permanent file.
- Within the context of the Independent Study, you will be expected to perform an amount of work equivalent to a regular 1-3 credit course and produce a tangible output.

Jefferson College of Biomedical Sciences

Independent Study Agreement

NAME:

DATE: