Policy of the Department of Art, Art History & Visual Studies for approval of Independent Study Courses

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The Department will allow non-regular rank faculty teaching Independent Study courses only under the following circumstances:

1. First priority is given to those Independent Studies that are part of a Graduation with Distinction project;
2. No appropriate regular rank faculty member is available to supervise the project through an Independent Study.

The independent study must be approved by the DUS, the Department Chair, and the Dean of Academic Affairs. This process should take place during the regular registration period for the following semester. No applications will be considered after classes begin.

NB: Ideally, students working on a Graduation with Distinction project/thesis should take the following courses in their senior year:

- **Visual Arts** students should take Advanced Visual Practice (ARTSVIS 497S) in the fall and the Senior Capstone (ARTSVIS 496S) in the spring. Students should schedule the IS in a way that does not interfere with these requirements.
- **Art History** students should schedule the IS in the fall and take the Honors Thesis Workshop (ARTHIST 495S) in the spring semester;
- **VMS** students should schedule the IS in the fall and either take the Honors Thesis Workshop and/or the VMS capstone (VMS 499S) in the spring.