



ART, ART HISTORY & VISUAL STUDIES

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.