

Requirements for Independent Study Application

The goal of an independent study seminar is to investigate a specific topic in finance that is not offered as a standard class. The subject being evaluated represents something that a student finds particularly interesting and wishes to conduct a detailed investigation of the topic. Independent study seminars are **NOT** to replace a standard class that is offered by the university because the class is offered at an inconvenient time, not offered that semester, or because a student needs more credit hours to meet the requirements for graduation.

For me to consider a request for an independent study seminar, this form should be completed and then brought to my office for discussion. Please set up an appointment for the review of the application.

1) Show that there is no other class offered or possible substituted for the subject. If you are looking for a finance elective, several economics classes can be used as a substitute. Please see the department chair, Tim Roth for assistance in addressing this issue.

2) Clearly state the research question that you want to investigate.

3) What text book, book, or articles will form the basis of the research?

4) What will the grade be based on? Will there be a written paper, tests, quizzes, projects? There must be enough material to be graded to justify an independent study.

5) For the semester under consideration develop a schedule of what material will be covered on which days, when projects are due, test dates, and a general outline of how the independent study seminar will proceed.