Legal Studies Independent Study

Independent studies courses provide students with the opportunity to work with an individual full time professor to explore advanced study in law. Typically, students take an independent study after completion of the majority of the requirements for the concentration – in other words students should demonstrate a drive for academic excellence. Students need to find a professor who is willing to sponsor the independent study, and most professors will only work with students they know and with whom they share some interest.

Students may register for up to three credits of Independent Study as part of the Fox Undergraduate Program. Students must submit a proposal to the Legal Studies Department Chair (Dr. Samuel D. Hodge, Jr.) and to the sponsoring Legal Studies Faculty Member who will supervise the Independent Study. Generally, this should be a faculty member with whom the student previously took a course.

The proposal must be submitted prior to registering for the course (registration is done through the Legal Studies Administrative Coordinator, Nicole Saitta), during the semester before the Independent Study is to be undertaken.

All Independent Study Proposals must include:

- Independent Study Proposal Request Form
- Statement of Argument for undertaking the project (how will this complement the student’s learning)
- Anticipated outcomes or goals of the project
- Frequency of student-instructor meetings
Independent Study Proposal

Student’s Name ___________________________________

TUid _____________________

Student’s Major ____________________________

Anticipated year of graduation _________________

Student’s email address_______________________

Title of the Proposed Independent Study
___________________________________________________

Proposal Abstract (100-word limit). **Attach a separate sheet.**

Frequency of Meetings with the Professor
__________________________________________________

Sponsoring Professor’s Name
_____________________________________________________________

Signature _______________________________________

Date ____________________________

Please return to Dr. Samuel D. Hodge, Jr., Department Chair

□ Approved  □ Denied

Department Chair’s Signature ___________________________________

Date _______________