

UHC 396 HONORS INDEPENDENT STUDY REGISTRATION FORM

Missouri State University Honors College

This 1, 2, or 3 credit hour course allows students to work alongside a faculty member of their choice in order to explore a topic introduced in another course in greater depth or to introduce students to topics that may not be covered in other course offerings. This course is ideal for students with a limited background in their area of interest who are not sufficiently advanced to undertake original research in the field.

Students may enroll in this course alongside an existing course (i.e. BIO 121 + UHC 396 with the biology instructor) or design this course as a stand-alone experience (i.e. only UHC 396 with an appropriate instructor).

The nature of individual projects will vary by academic discipline, but students should be prepared to satisfy the following expectations:

- Students will clearly articulate what their topic of interest is, how they plan to explore their topic, and collaborate with a faculty member to develop an appropriate list of assignments, readings, and other course expectations.
- Students will submit a written academic project or portfolio piece demonstrating what they have learned. Students may generally expect to write 5-10 pages per credit hour, depending upon the academic discipline.
- Students will have regular contact with their course instructor throughout the course of the semester and receive significant input at major stages of the project's development.
- Students will utilize best practices in academic research and citation as expected in their discipline.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to identify and critically evaluate and synthesize source materials.
- Students in the creative arts should learn about the creative process and how scholars produce portfolio-quality work.
- Students will learn about the wider applicability of their scholarship and its context within their discipline.
- Students will learn the basics of communicating their findings with other scholars in their discipline.
- While projects are not required to focus upon the Public Affairs Mission, students are encouraged to reflect upon one or more of the three pillars of the mission and to consider the broader social context of their work.

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Student name: _____ M#: _____

Proposed course credit hours (1, 2, or 3): _____

Semester of study (fall, spring, summer): _____

Course instructor: _____

Complete this registration form with the assistance of your instructor. Be as detailed as possible and use additional pages if necessary.

1. What is the purpose of your proposed independent study course?
2. What are the requirements for your proposed course (list all assignments, readings, meetings, etc.)?
3. What will your final academic project or portfolio piece entail (list all expectations)?

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have reviewed the expectations for Honors Independent Study outlined on the flip side of this form.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructor signature: _____ Date: _____

Department Head signature: _____ Date: _____

Honors College Director signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE HONORS COLLEGE BEFORE THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES DURING THE SEMESTER YOU PLAN TO COMPLETE THE COURSE.