

Instructional Systems Technology

R590 Independent Study and R586 Practicum Guidelines

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Independent study and practicum courses provide the opportunity to work outside regular course structures under the supervision of a faculty member.

Definitions of Independent Study and Practicum

***Independent study** is used for research activities carried out by a student under the direct supervision of a member of faculty. These credits are **not** typically awarded for work carried out as part of a faculty-directed research project (funded or unfunded). The research is expected to be focused on a particular topic.*

***Practicum** is used for design/development work for which a member of faculty sets one or more additional deliverables intended to elicit reflection of ratification of the practicum experience into intentional learning. Consulting projects in which a student works essentially without supervision on a milestone basis may serve as the sites for practicum.*

Requirements for Independent Study or Practicum:

- Completed application form found on IST website
- Approval of your academic advisor in advance
- Verification of OPT/CPT approval if off-campus paid work is involved