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Independent Study Policy

All courses required for graduation are offered every year at WMC. Most electives are also offered each year. Under special circumstances, Western Michigan Christian will allow a student to take a course via Independent Study that is 1.) Not currently being offered 2.) Needed for graduation but unable to fit into a student's schedule. The guidelines for taking a course via Independent Study are listed below:

1. Independent studies are available to 11th and 12th grade students only. To be considered for an independent study, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average in the department under whose management the independent study would take place.
2. To qualify for an independent study, a student must be enrolled full time at WMC taking a minimum of 3 face-to-face classes.
3. Students may not take a course via Independent Study if the same course is offered face-to-face at a time that fits with their schedule.
4. All courses taken by Independent Study must be approved ahead of time by both the administration and the department for which the Independent Study will count.
5. Students are allowed a maximum of one course (.5 credits) per trimester as an Independent Study.
6. Credit for an independent study will be awarded on a pass/fail basis. No letter or numerical grade for cumulative grade point average will be awarded.
7. All courses taken via Independent Study must be taken on the campus of WMC and students must be supervised by a WMC faculty member.
8. Any additional cost for an independent study course will be assumed by the student.