



Alfaisal University

Independent Study policy

The purpose of the Independent program is to allow students to:

1. Pursue learning outcomes that extend beyond those normally taught in the classroom.
2. Pursue studies independent of the classroom schedule.
3. A primary goal is to encourage independent study under the supervision of faculty members. In addition to research projects, internships and practicums, the different programs use individual study, case studies and directed readings as the basis for various independent study offerings.

Policy:

1. An independent study will not duplicate any available course in the University.
2. Detailed proposal of the course must be submitted to chair of the department and it will be reviewed and approved by the department head, and the dean before the student is allowed to go forward with it.
3. The content of the study should differ from any other course that is currently taught in the University.
4. Students must have at least junior standing (i.e., 3rd year), and have earned at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA at Alfaisal University and who give sufficient evidence of initiative, originality and intellectual maturity to warrant the expectation of distinction in the program. Students may do Independent Study in any discipline in which they obtain the required permission.
5. No more than one Independent Study course may be taken during the student enrolment in the University.

Approval: The consent of the instructor, department head, and college dean must be obtained before enrollment.

Faculty:

1. Work must be accomplished under the supervision of a faculty member with appropriate experience related to the topic.
2. The contact hours between student and faculty member must be sufficient to ensure consistency with credit earned in regular course offerings.
3. The faculty will work with the student to select a reading list, projects, and evaluations appropriate to the topic and the credit level chosen.

Final Product: Once the independent study is completed, the final report (as specified in the signed proposal) will be reviewed and signed by the chair. The dean will receive a copy of the report and may seek an advice on the quality of the work before the final grade is assigned.

Grading: The instructor will evaluate the work, including the final product, associated with the independent study and submit a grade by the end of the semester.