

2021-2022 Independent Study

Due by April 9, 2021

An independent study proposal may be made by a student who has a strong academic record, a demonstrated capacity to work independently, and an unusual degree of scholarly interest in a course that is not available in The Gregory School curriculum. The student must be able to find a Gregory School faculty member willing to help design and supervise an independent study in that area of interest, and then submit a proposal to TGS Administration for review.

The guidelines for independent studies are as follows:

1. Independent study courses are generally limited to one semester;
2. The student and the faculty member overseeing the independent study must submit a complete proposal to administration at least one month prior to the beginning of the independent study, unless there are extenuating circumstances;
3. A course available in the curriculum (even if not currently) may not be taken as an independent study;
4. There are two types of independent study courses: those which a student and faculty member develop together that are supervised by the teacher, and those where the faculty member is supervising a student working with an outside instructor on an approved course of study;
5. Normally, a faculty member may supervise only one independent study course in a semester;
6. All proposals are reviewed and accepted/rejected by TGS Administration.

The proposal must include the following:

1. Name of the course;
2. Semester in which the course will be offered;
3. Rationale for the course, including personal statement of what the student hopes to gain;
4. A syllabus which describes the material covered, in sequence;
5. A list of meeting times, or a description of when meetings will occur;
6. A list of assignments/tests/presentations/projects with due dates;
7. A description of how student performance is assessed (with rubrics, if applicable), including the weight of each grading category;
8. Teacher signature;
9. Student signature

After the student has provided all of the information above, the proposal is submitted to TGS administration.