

Directed Independent Study

While the University cannot guarantee that students can be offered a DIS in an existing course, under unusually compelling circumstances a student can request such a course. Typically, the request should be made only:

1. If a course is required for a graduating student but is not scheduled.
2. If a student has an unalterable schedule conflict in the major or minor sequence.
3. If a student needs a course to correct an out-of-sequence program.
4. If a student has compelling personal circumstances, such as a health problem.

The student meets with the instructor who has agreed to direct the course to develop a plan. The student and instructor complete the “Directed Independent Study Course” form that is available from the Office of the Registrar. A student is not enrolled in the DIS until the completed form is filed with the Office of the Registrar. Students may generally count no more than two DIS courses toward hours for graduation. Students who cannot secure the support of a faculty member may first discuss individual problems with the academic adviser and second with the appropriate dean.