
Independent Study for W-Credit Justification

****Only complete if selected YES for Writing ("W") Credit on the Independent Study Application Form****

INSTRUCTIONS: Students must have already completed two (2) "W" (writing) courses at Southern; and not have received "W" credit for a previous independent study or internship. This document is to be filled out by the student in consultation with the project sponsor. Please download the forms completely and open in Adobe Reader or Acrobat before filling in the appropriate information. Please save as a PDF and obtain all of the required signatures culminating with the Dean's approval. **Completed forms are due in the Dean's Office no later than the first day of classes.**

Student's Full Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Project Sponsor: _____ Dept and Course #: _____

Semester/Session for which permission is requested: Year: _____ Fall: ___ Spring: ___ or
Summer Session: [A ___ B ___ C ___ | 5wks ___ 6wks ___]

Please include a copy of the course outline and/or syllabus and copies of possible assignments for the course, showing that they fulfill the expectation that "A significant portion of the writing for this course should be critical (analytical)". Note: *Critical (analytical) writing addresses a question for which there is more than one plausible interpretation, explanation, analysis, or evaluation, and thus requires original thought from the student.*

In the space below or in a separate document, provide a description of how this course's critical (analytical) writing will emphasize revision as part of the Independent Study.

1. How will this course meet the requirement of writing 5000 words over the course of the semester? (100-word limit)
2. How will this independent study's critical (analytical) writing be realized? (100-word limit)
3. Please describe what percentage of the final grade will come from writing assignments. (50-word limit)
4. Please describe how grades on revised papers will be weighted. (50-word limit)

Independent Study as a W-Course Agreement Form

I, _____ (*insert student's full name*), am aware of the critical writing component (minimum of 20 pages) of the requirements. I have described how critical writing will be part of my Independent Study on the W-course justification form.

I understand that substantial revision (not simply correction of mechanical errors) is a requirement in W-courses. I agree to undertake substantial revision of my work in the course of this Independent Study. If the basic product that I am responsible for submitting to fulfill the written requirements for this Independent Study is one long paper, I agree to submit it in stages to my professor, so that feedback and revision can take place.

I have demonstrated to my sponsoring faculty member that I already have taken and passed at least two-W-courses at Southern Connecticut State University.

Signature Section

Student: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Dept Chairperson/Director: _____ Date: _____

Academic Dean: _____ Date: _____

This form of agreement is to be attached to the student's Independent Study W-course justification form before the a