

English Department, Kansas State University

Independent Study Policy: ENGL 497, 498, 499

Student Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes for independent studies are connected to the Student Learning Outcomes for English Majors in the Bachelor of Arts Program at Kansas State University. In an independent study the student should be prepared to show how the work of the study will fulfill the student learning outcomes of the English major (<http://www.k-state.edu/english/programs/ugrad/slos.html>)

Further, the student should justify why this work should be accomplished independently rather than in a class offered by the department.

Prerequisites

Students who wish to enroll in ENGL 497, Special Investigations in English (variable credit) , must meet the following criteria:

Have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher in their major;

Have completed at least 60 credit hours towards their undergraduate degree;

Have received credit for ENGL 100, ENGL 200 (or ENGL 210), and, for English majors and minors, ENGL 310;

Complete a course proposal (approximately 2 pages, single-spaced). The proposal should include a tentative syllabus, student learning outcomes, ways the course will be assessed, and any other relevant information. It should also include a signature sheet (see below), to record approval of the plan. This proposal will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Advisory Committee (UGAC) of the Department of English and by the department head.

Students who wish to enroll in ENGL 498, Honors Tutorial in English, must fulfill the criteria for enrolling in ENGL 497 and be enrolled in the honors program.

Students who wish to enroll in ENGL 499, Senior Honors Thesis, must fulfill the criteria for enrolling in ENGL 497, be enrolled in the honors program, and have completed at least 90 credit hours towards their undergraduate degree.

Deadlines

Students should complete the submission process the semester BEFORE the independent study is conducted, preferably by the 8th week.

Once a proposal has been approved, the student will receive permission to enroll.

The Cover Sheet for the Independent Study should include the following information:

APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

1) Course Number and Title of Independent Study (ENGL 497, 498, or 499: Title of Independent Study)

2) Number of Credits: (1-3)

3) Semester to be taken: (F, S, U and year; if nonstandard semester, indicate dates)

4) Approved by: _____
Supervising Professor Date

5) Approved by: _____
UGAC Date

6) Approved by: _____
English Department Head Date