

**Department of African American Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago**

Independence Study Requirements

Course Description:

Independent Study in African-American Studies is meant to support outstanding students with interests beyond or outside current course offerings of the department. Students should approach an instructor well before the beginning of the semester (i.e. before winter break for Spring proposals or end of April or summer for Fall proposals) and do so with a well thought-out project in mind. Students should keep in mind that, while independent studies do not usually require classroom meeting time, they are meant to be demanding research enterprises. Students should expect to work 6 to 8 hours per week on their projects. Minimum requirements are as follows, but individual instructors may establish further restrictions on the candidacy of individual students for independent study at their discretion.

Requirements:

1. Student is required to have a GPA of 3.0 or above in all work taken at UIC.
2. Student is expected to work on a topic integral to African-American Studies and to have completed at least one course with the instructor before enrolling in the Independent Study course.
3. No student will be permitted to enroll after the 10th day of class.
4. A maximum of 8 semester hours in Independent Study in a given Department or Program may count toward the degree.
5. Registration into this course will not be allowed until the student has received the approval of the supervising instructor **and** the department.

Instructions:

1. Complete the section on the application that is to be filled in by the student.
2. A “typed bibliography” and “well written outline” of the project **MUST** accompany the application.
3. Take the application to the supervising instructor for completion and signature.
4. Return the completed application to Room 1227 University Hall or email thrmoreno@uic.edu for Departmental Approval.
5. It is the *student's responsibility* to check on the status of the application.
6. For additional information, Call: (312) 996-3542.

Application for Independent Study in African American Studies

To be Completed By Student

Course #: _____

Call #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

UIN: _____ College: _____

Cumulative GPA at UIC: _____ Year in School: _____

Term during which Credit will be Received:

Fall/Year: _____ Spring/Year: _____

Summer/Year: _____

Total Number of:

Semester Hours in AAS: _____ Courses with Instructor: _____

Reason for Taking Course:

Title of

Project: _____

Brief Description of Project:

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Application for Independent Study in African American Studies

To Be Completed by Supervising Instructor:

Anticipated completion date of project:

_____, 20____

Briefly state provisions for evaluation of projects:

Instructor's Signature _____ *Date* _____

For Departmental Use Only

Transcript Requested: _____ Transcript Received: _____

By (Initials): _____

Comments:

Departmental Approval _____ *Date:* _____