

SW 5091 Independent Study

1. SW 5091 Independent Study enables a student to register for projects under the direction of the department's faculty. To register for SW 5091, a student must receive consent from a faculty supervisor and from the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS).
2. SW 5091 is not to be used as a means of filling in credit gaps in a student's program. It may be used only when no courses covering the desired subject material are available.
3. Each student desiring to register for SW 5091 shall prepare a written proposal using the form provided by the Department of Social Work. The proposal must be reviewed and approved by the faculty supervisor for the Independent Study and by the DGS before the student registers for SW 5091. Upon approval, the faculty supervisor will issue the necessary override to authorize registration. A copy of an approved written proposal will be placed in the student's file.
4. Changes in the contract require review and approval by the faculty member and the DGS. Changes after registration in the number of credits or grading system are subject to the same "cancel-add" rules that apply to regular courses.
5. Credit:
 - a. Students may register for SW 5091 up to a maximum of four semester credits per term.
 - b. Students may not apply for more than two projects nor more than eight semester credits from SW 5091 toward a degree.
 - c. A student may take up to eight semester credits for one project, provided that the work and the credit is appropriate over at least two terms.
 - d. One credit of independent coursework is equivalent to approximately 45 hours of work.
6. Evaluation of the quality of projects by the faculty member shall be by the same standards as apply to regular coursework. Ordinarily the outcome of the project will involve written reports.
7. Under conditions of a normal teaching load, no faculty member should direct more than four Independent Study projects per term. A student may approach any faculty member to develop a contract for Independent Study or may approach the Director of Graduate Studies who will, in turn, refer the student to an appropriate faculty member. Acceptance of an Independent Study student is strictly up to the individual faculty member.
8. Must be graded A/F or S/N