

Request for Accounting Independent Study (Return form to 2305 UH)

First name Middle name Last name

email (only _@uic.edu) Phone Number UIN #

Level Enrolled: Undergraduate Graduate Non-Degree

College Major / Program Current GPA Expected graduation date

Fall Spring Summer

Year CRN Credit Hours

Supervising Instructor's Name Signature Date

Topic and description:

Department use only: Approved:

Department head's signature _____ Date _____

<http://business.uic.edu/home-uic-business/current-students/accounting-student-resources>

Accounting Independent Study

When you take accounting courses you may come across a topic or area that excites you. If you find that there is no course that satisfies your need to study that area of interest, the Department offers an opportunity to further your learning through Independent study ACTG 396.

You must study the basic materials in that area and develop a preliminary study plan. After that, contact a professor to act as your supervisor. It will be easier if you choose a professor who has already taught you in the past. If the professor's interests do not match your topic, or if the professor is unable to supervise you, you may search through other professors' areas of expertise by looking at our faculty and their areas of interest. For faculty information and their area of interests please visit this [link](#).

Please do not approach any professor without some knowledge of your area of interest and a plan. Once the professor agrees, please fill the Independent Study Form and attach your 2-page proposal outlining the work to be done, the rationale for the project, and a timetable for submission of finished work.

Follow instructions listed therein and turn it to the Accounting Department Head's office at 2301 UH for his approval and signature. If the Department Head approves your request, the department staff will give you an approval to register for the course.

Please try to do all this before the beginning of the term. You have to be registered by the second week of every term. This option is not for students who find at the beginning of the term they need a few more hours to fill up their schedule or to graduate. Genuine interest in a subject matter should drive the request to pursue an independent study course.

Some recent Independent study topics have been:

- Analyst earnings forecast revisions
- Accounting practices in the real estate industry
- Abnormal returns based on accounting information screens
- Tax system in Taiwan
- Bank call report standards vs GAAP
- Accounting for Acquired In-process Research and Development

Other requirements:

- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- Only tenure track faculty may approve Independent Study course.
- A minimum of 150 hours of work is expected.
- Written Proposal: students are required to submit to the professor a 2-page proposal outlining the work to be done, the rationale for the project, and a timetable for submission of finished work.
- Independent Study requests should be prepared prior to the start of the semester or in the first week of classes to allow registration in another course if approval is denied.