

6Hx19-3.18 DIRECTED/INDEPENDENT STUDY

The purpose of this Board Rule is to establish Board policy regarding Directed/Independent Study.

Directed or independent study may be approved for a documented program-completion need or another legitimate academic purpose allowed by College procedure. It shall not be used solely to avoid normal course scheduling, enrollment, or instructional-quality requirements.

Before registration, the student, instructor, and approving academic administrator shall complete a written plan that states the academic purpose, course outcomes, instructional activities, contact expectations, assessment methods, required materials, completion dates, and records to be retained.

The study shall meet the same approved course outcomes, credit-hour expectations, and academic standards as the regularly offered course. A course requiring a laboratory, clinical experience, internship, performance, specialized equipment, or substantial student interaction may be offered by this method only when the written plan provides for the required experience and supervision.

The President or his designee shall maintain procedures for eligibility, exclusions, approval, registration, records, academic oversight, and compliance with applicable textbook, syllabus, accessibility, and student-aid requirements. Faculty workload and compensation shall be governed by applicable personnel rules, the salary schedule, and employment or collective-bargaining documents.

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