

ENGLISH 493: INDEPENDENT STUDY GUIDELINES

1. A Student may take no more than six hours of English 493. Only three hours of 493 may count for credit towards the English major.
2. English 493 may be taken for one, two, or three credits. Students may not take 493 for more than three credits at any time.
3. The topics and readings selected for independent study normally should not duplicate the content of courses offered by the English Department.
4. It is strongly recommended that students taking English 493 have a 2.5 GPA and a 3.0 GPA in English courses.
5. English 493 must be supervised by a member of the professorial faculty. Exceptions require permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Professors are limited in the number of independent study courses they may supervise during any one semester. No Professor is required to supervise Independent Study with any student.
6. The amount of reading and writing in English 493 must be equivalent to the amount assigned in a regularly-offered English Department course. The professor and student will decide the reading list, number, and kind of written assignments, schedule of meetings, and methods of evaluation. These requirements are subject to approval by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
7. The student will submit a proposal for English 493 on the attached Planning Statement. This proposal (or statement of plans) should include a description and justification of the material covered in the course. As part of this description students should be very detailed concerning the assigned reading, number and kind of written assignments and methods of evaluation. This form must be submitted to the Director of Undergraduate Studies for approval **within first ten days of the semester**. Students will be notified when their proposals are approved.

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PLANNING STATEMENT

The student and professor should use this sheet to state, as precisely as possible, what is to be accomplished in the course. Please include a detailed description of the assigned reading, number and kind of written assignments, and methods of evaluation. Both student and professor should sign the sheet and submit it to the Director of Undergraduate Studies in 311 McClung **no later than the tenth day of classes.**

Name: _____ Term: _____

Local phone: _____ Email address: _____

SID#: _____

Subject to be studied: _____

Supervising instructor: _____ Credits to be earned: _____

STATEMENT OF PLANS (please use the back of this form if necessary):

Student: _____ Instructor: _____

Date Submitted: _____ Approval: _____