

William Alanson White Institute

Independent Study Courses

A candidate may be permitted to create an Independent Study Course for the following three reasons:

1. Special Area of Interest

Candidates may choose to create a directed course of study with an instructor of their choice if a specific topic is not covered by the core or elective curricula.

2. Dual Roles

Candidates who have a conflict because of a dual relationship with an instructor may fulfill the core requirement with an alternative faculty member.

3. Schedule Conflict

Under certain circumstances, courses are offered at times other than Tuesday evenings. If candidates are unable to attend a course at these times, they may take it as an Independent Study Course, but must follow the syllabus of the core course.

Procedure for Creating an Independent Study Course

1. Contact the Director of Curriculum and the Director of Training to explain the conflict or area of special interest.
2. Identify a WAWI graduate or an Honorary Member who is appropriate to direct this Independent Study Course. The Director of Curriculum can help identify potential instructors.
3. Contact that faculty member to determine interest and availability. The instructor and the candidate will meet 3-4 times for a 5-session course or 7-8 times for a 10-session course.
4. For an Independent Study Course that replaces a core course, the syllabus can be obtained from the Reserve Library, the Registrar, or directly from the instructor.
5. For an Independent Study Course in a special area of interest, please write a brief description and provide a list of readings.

6. E-mail the following form to the Director of Curriculum, the Director of Training, and the Registrar.

Proposal for Independent Study*

Date:

Candidate Name:

Candidate Year:

Course Number and Title:

Trimester:

Instructor's Name:

Name of Independent Study:

If you are creating an Independent Study Course in a special area of interest, please describe it briefly and include a reading list:

*Please send this form by e-mail to the Director of Curriculum (drdebfraser@gmail.com), the Director of Training (sethmaronsonpsyd@gmail.com), and the Registrar (a.ellison@wawhite.org)