

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent study is offered to give the student experience in planning and outlining a course of study on his own initiative under departmental supervision. Independent study should deal either with a special interest not covered in a regular course or with the exploration in much greater depth of a subject presented in a regular course. Each department has an independent study upper division 190 course, and some departments have a graduate level 290 course. In some departments a 190 or 290 course may be desirable preparation for the thesis or other advanced study.

To be eligible for independent study, a student should have an over-all grade-point average of 3.0 or higher; this requirement may be waived in exceptional cases, when approved by the chairman of the department concerned. Maximum credit of six units is allowed toward the bachelor's degree in 190 courses, and maximum credit of six units is allowed in 190 and 290 courses toward the master's degree.

An eligible student desiring to register for a 190 or a 290 course must first obtain the consent of an instructor who will guide the project and the chairman of the department in which the course is given. Having secured these prior approvals, a student registers for a 190 or a 290 course in the same manner as for any other course at the time of registration.

An independent study course normally includes an oral examination by a committee set up by the supervising instructor, a formal report which is filed in the department office, and an abstract of the study which is filed with the department chairman. Approval forms and copies of the current regulations may be obtained at department or school offices. The entry on the permanent record will show the discipline and course number only; the title will not appear.

Certain special regulations concerning enrollment in 190 and 290 courses during a summer session will be found in the *Summer Session Bulletin*.

PASS-WITHDRAW GRADING

In order to encourage academic exploration by students and to discover whether some reduction in the pressure to secure grades can be achieved and is valuable, a "Pass-Withdraw" grading procedure has been in effect since the fall semester of 1967. The procedure is designed to limit the risks inherent in such an evaluation process, both to a student's grade-point average and to his prospect of normal advancement in his college program.

Under this plan a student may individually enroll in a course in which others are receiving grades on a five-point scale, but in which he may receive only the grades of "passed" (P) or "withdrawn" (W). The grade of P will be given if his work is judged to be equivalent to an A, B, or C grade as applicable to regular enrollment, or the grade of W if his work is equivalent to a D or F. Other conditions concerning P-W grading are as follows:

1. Not all courses will be available for this type of enrollment. Those in which P-W grading will be possible will be indicated in the *Schedule of Courses*. Further directions concerning enrollment procedure will also be found there.

2. A student must be in good standing (not on probation).

3. A student may enroll in only one course in a semester or term on a P-W basis in addition to any enrollment in Experimental College and International Studies courses. A maximum of 12 units of such courses may apply to the total units required for the degree.

4. A course enrolled in on a P-W basis will not be taken into account in the computation of the grade-point average.