

Reports to Students. Grade reports are given students at the close of each semester. At mid-term a report is given to all students both as a verification of the student's official program and as a report of any unsatisfactory progress.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Credit by examination may be earned in some cases in appropriate courses. For further information consult the department concerned.

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; in exceptional cases, a student with less than an over-all grade-point average of 3.0 may, with the consent of the chairman of the department involved, be permitted to register for independent study. 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. Credit is limited to a maximum of three units per semester. Under extraordinary circumstances more than three units of credit per semester may be allowed on petition to the department chairman.

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. A student registers for a 190 or a 290 course the same 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 division offices.

HONORS PROGRAM

The honors program is designed to serve superior undergraduate students by encouraging intensive scholarship and creative abilities. Particular stress is given to developing the student's capacity for independent pursuit of knowledge and dedicated commitment to scholarship. The honors program is open by invitation of the college to all qualified undergraduates. Invitations to participate in the program are extended on the basis of proven capacity for outstanding academic performance as indicated by faculty recommendations, scholastic record, and entrance test scores. Students who complete the requirements outlined below are eligible for special recognition at graduation, with general college honors, departmental honors, or both.

The *general college honors program* provides study in a series of specially designed colloquia which are broad in scope and may be interdepartmental. Lower division general college honors colloquia require no prerequisites other than admission to and satisfactory standing in the honors program; upper division general college honors colloquia prerequisites are generally determined by the department or departments offering the course. To graduate with general college honors a student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 12 units of honors work and 4 honors courses. No more than 3 units of these 12 can be in departmental honors courses.