

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent study is offered to give the student experience in planning and outlining a course of study on the student's own initiative under departmental supervision. Independent study should deal with a special interest not covered in a regular course or with the exploration in greater depth of a subject presented in a regular course. Each department has an independent study upper division course (190), and some departments have a graduate level course (290). 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 overall grade-point average of 3.0 or higher; this requirement may be waived in exceptional cases, when approved by the chairman of the department. 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 per semester may be allowed on petition to the department chairman.

76 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. The student must register for 190 and 290 courses during the regular registration period in the same manner as he registers 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*.

CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE COURSE WORK

Six semester units of lower division elective credit is given if the student was on active military duty for at least one year. An applicant for credit must submit a copy of *Notice of Separation* (DD214).

College courses given by the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAIFI) that are comparable with CSUF courses will be given degree credit, provided they are satisfactorily completed with an end-of-course examination.

USAIFI correspondence credit is combined with other extension or correspondence course work to a maximum of 24 semester units.

Additional credit is granted for military courses and experiences as recommended in *A Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*, Miller & Sullivan, 1978. The applicant for such credit must submit official documents giving all details such as location, length.