

Florida Atlantic University
School of Communication & Multimedia Studies

Guidelines for Undergraduate Courses: COM 4903 and COM 4905

University Catalog Description:

Directed Individual Project (COM 4903) 1-2 credits - An individual communication project, approved in advance by the directing faculty member. Grading: S/U

University Catalog Description:

Directed Independent Study (COM 4905) 1-3 credits *Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and 16 credits in Communication* Opportunity for extensive library study in a specific area of communication. Research paper required.

1. Open to seniors with a FAU GPA of 3.0 or Higher
2. Open to Communication and Multimedia Studies majors with 16 or more credits completed in field of study.
3. May enroll in no more than 3 DIP/DIS credits per semester and no more than 6 DIP/DIS credits in field of study.
4. May only be taken from a full time Faculty or Instructor of the School of Communication & Multimedia Studies.
5. Permission of the School Director is required.
6. Students who do not fulfill any specific requirement above, may petition the School of Communication & Multimedia Studies for approval.

All applications, in addition to a consent form, must be accompanied by a one-page proposal and, independent study proposals, must include a beginning bibliography of five sources.

An independent study course is intended primarily for students who have an interest in a particular topic or issue that is not covered within existing courses and is willing and motivated to do individual reading and papers/projects for the class.

Students must find an instructor who would be willing to work with the student on the independent study. Instructors are not required to do an independent study with student. In contrast to regular classes, the student bears the major responsibility for content of the course and its progress. The instructor will assist the student in the constructing of the course and will evaluate the student's work.

A student must submit a proposal for the course in which he/she outlines a topic they would like to pursue. In this proposal they should describe the topic, how it relates to the study of communication and why they feel it is significant both to them and the study of communication. In the proposal, the student shall also outline a schedule of work, identifying when various tasks will be completed.

This proposal must be accompanied by an academic bibliography in standard citation format of at least five scholarly sources related to the topic that the student will read. The instructor can require additional material.

The student will also propose for the instructor's approval the manner in which he/she will be evaluated. The instructor can require and alternative form of evaluation. The instructor has the option of accepting the student's proposal, modifying it, or not accepting it. If the student is not making sufficient progress in the independent study, the instructor can terminate it, resulting in a failing grade for the student.

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Application for Independent Project or Independent Study (COM 4903 and COM 4905)

CRN _____ Course Title, Prefix & Number, and Section _____
(e.g., "Rhetoric of American Presidency," COM 4905, 01)

Semester _____

Name _____ Z number _____

Major _____

Title of Project (30 character max, including spaces) _____

Proposed credits for project/study (1-3) _____

Abstract: _____

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Credits completed to date _____ GPA _____

SCMS credits completed to date _____ Credit hours for semester _____

DIP/DIS credits this semester _____ Total DIP/DIS credits _____

DIP/DIS counts as fulfilling a major requirement: Yes / No _____ If Yes, how should it be counted with major sequence? _____

Curriculum Committee Area Representative: (for approval of how the DIS should be counted in the Student's major sequence)

APPROVED _____
(Sign and Date)

REJECTED _____
(Sign and Date)

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Faculty Advisor: I agree to direct this study _____
(Sign and Date)

Faculty Advisor Name: _____
(Print)

Director of School of Communication & Multimedia Studies:

APPROVED _____
(Sign and Date)

REJECTED _____
(Sign and Date)