Independent Study is a contractual learning experience resulting in a technical report, research paper, project or a combination of these. Selection of the area of study is done by the student in consultation with the instructor.

Prerequisites: INDUSTDY 1200, 1230, 2710 and junior standing with consent of the instructor and approval of the department chairperson.

Students planning to use 4970 Independent Study (1-3 credits) as part of the degree program should understand that this course is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to: (1) study a topic in greater depth than is/was provided in a regular course; (2) study a topic that was not covered in a regular course; and/or (3) study in special areas needed for certification. This course is not to be used to satisfy a course requirement that is currently not offered or in conflict with other scheduled classes.

Students are required to complete the attached contract in consultation with the instructor who has agreed to serve as his/her independent study mentor. Your contract should indicate a minimum of two hours per week for the semester for each credits requested, i.e. a one credit contract should specify activities that will require a minimum of thirty-six (36) hours to complete. The student is required to contact the instructor at least once per week to provide a progress report on the independent study activity.

It is the student’s responsibility to:
1. Select an instructor who is willing to mentor his/her work.
2. Complete the INDUSTDY 4970 Independent Study contract form in consultation with the mentor on or before the end of the drop/add period.
3. Complete the usual registration process on or before the end of the drop/add period.
4. Complete all contract requirements on or before the start of the final examination week.

It is the faculty mentor’s responsibility to:
1. Agree to meet and work with the student on the independent study project.
2. Agree to evaluate the materials in accordance with department, college and university guidelines.

It is the department chair’s responsibility to:
1. Review the completed contract on behalf of the Department of Industrial Studies.
2. Provide final approval of credits to be awarded.
3. Distribute the approved contract to the appropriate individuals, i.e. student, academic advisor, mentor, and department office.