

ROANOKE COLLEGE
INDEPENDENT STUDY REQUIREMENTS
FINE ARTS – ART HISTORY

ARTH 406 - Independent study.

1 unit

Goals of the Independent Study

The purpose of independent studies is to provide students with in-depth research and writing experiences that go beyond the work possible in a normal lecture/discussion course. Independent study projects will have longer and more detailed papers than those written in other art history courses, and may include a student presentation as well. In some cases, they also provide students with training in an area or sub-discipline that is not offered in the department, widening students' exposure to a variety of views and approaches.

General Independent Study Requirements

Independent studies are reserved for advanced study work. In order to qualify for the independent study, a student must have made significant progress toward the major or minor in Art History. The student should have at least junior standing and must have departmental permission. A minimum GPA of 2.5 in the major at the time of application for the independent study is required.

Application Procedures

Students interested in pursuing an independent study in Art History are expected to submit an independent study proposal to their advisor by the appropriate deadline. The first step in developing an independent study is to speak with your advisor about possible ideas for an independent study and advice on writing the proposal.

Proposals are generally one to two pages in length (300-500 words, double-spaced) and must be signed by the student, approved by the directing professor, and signed by the Fine Arts Chair before Final Examination Week of the semester prior to the term in which the work is to be done. Independent studies to be performed in the fall semester must be approved in the preceding spring; those in spring semester must be approved the preceding fall; those during summer terms must be approved the preceding spring.

Guidelines for the Proposal

Format: All pertinent information should be included as shown below. Logical paragraphs should be used. A tentative bibliography should be included if the work requires research of this type. Carefully delineate the work and show expected results. Include any materials that might be helpful to the faculty. Suggested outline:

Proposal for an Art History Independent study (ARTH 406)

Name

Term (in which work will be done)

ID #

Campus Box #

Title of Independent study

Paragraph 1: List courses (# & title) already taken in the Art History Major

Paragraph 2: Outline or describe the project

Paragraph 3: Describe the expected final results; the skills and knowledge you expect to gain from the independent study

Signature of Student/Date

Signature of Supervising Professor/Date

Signature of Department Chair/Date

Final Approval: clearance for registration will be given by the Chair of the Fine Arts Department.