



# **ADMINISTRATIVE**

# **PROCEDURE**

**4101**

**DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

## **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Independent Study Projects (1-3 Units) are available to students carrying six or more units. Independent Study is designed to:

1. extend students' knowledge and understanding of subject matter beyond the stated objectives of the course in which they are registered; or
2. provide a means to earn credit in an academic area when they have exhausted all available course options. In this case, the Independent Study course should be degree or certificate applicable.

Independent Study credit is given on a "lab" value basis (1 unit=54 hours, 2 units=108 hours, 3 units= 162 hours) in which students work independently under the direction and guidance of the instructor. A maximum of six units of individual study is accepted toward the A.A. and A.S. Degree.

The appropriate Dean must approve the project before the student registers for the course. It is recommended that Independent Study Projects for 3 units begin prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the semester; for 2 units, prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> week; and for 1 unit, prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> week.

**Reference: Title 5 Sections 55300 et. seq.**

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