

Florida Atlantic University  
School of Communication & Multimedia Studies

Guidelines for Graduate Courses:  
COM 6906, FIL 6906, RTV 6906, MMC 6906, JOU 6906 and SPC 6906

**University Catalog Description:**

**Directed Independent Study (COM 6906) 1-3 credits** *Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission of department* (FIL 6906) (RTV 6906) (MMC 6906) (JOU 6906) (SPC 6906) Intensive studies in areas of Communication mutually agreed upon by student and instructor.

1. Open to graduate students admitted to the School of Communication & Multimedia Studies program, currently in good standing.
2. May only be taken from a Graduate Faculty Member of the School of Communication & Multimedia Studies
3. Permission of the Director of the Graduate Program and the School Director is required
4. 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 an 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 Directed Independent Study  
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CRN \_\_\_\_\_ Course Title, Prefix & Number, and Section \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., "Rhetoric of American Presidency," SPC 6906, 01)

Semester \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Z Number \_\_\_\_\_

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 specified degree requirement: Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, then course should count as:

Theory \_\_\_\_\_ Methods \_\_\_\_\_ Contexts \_\_\_\_\_

**DIP/DIS Faculty Advisor: I agree to direct this study** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**DIP/DIS Faculty Advisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print)



**Director of Graduate Program:**

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign and Date)

REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign and Date)

**Director of School of Communication & Multimedia Studies:**

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign and Date)

REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign and Date)