

## **Guidelines for Independent Studies in the Graduate Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences**

An Independent Study course is defined by the Graduate Program Committee as a highly specialized course of study providing individual instruction to a student which specifically addresses a didactic need in the student's area of study not offered as an elective by the GPPS.

1. Students will be allowed to take a maximum of 3 credit hours of Independent Study toward the 48 credit hour didactic minimum in place of an elective after their first two years of study have been completed. (*Core Curriculum adopted by the Graduate Faculty, 02/05*)
2. The Course Director offering an Independent Study must submit a syllabus to the Graduate Program Committee prior to the term the course will be held. No credit will be given for Independent Study courses unless a GPC approved syllabus is on file with the GPPS office.
3. The student's major advisor should submit to the GPC, with the Course Director's syllabus, an explanation outlining how the course benefits the student's program.
4. Credit for an Independent Study will not be allowed for a grade less than a "B".
5. If a student fails an Independent Study, they will not be allowed to repeat the course without approval of the Graduate Program Committee.
6. A student will not be allowed to participate in an Independent Study in place of elective courses being offered by the GPPS without approval from the Graduate Program Committee upon request of the major advisor.