

Independent Study Opportunities

INTD 320 - Independent Interdisciplinary Research Seminar

Full credit, meets every other day

Prerequisites: 11th or 12th grade only, approval of program director

The Independent Interdisciplinary Research Seminar allows motivated, responsible students to study topics not included in the Horace Mann curriculum or to continue research on a topic covered in a previous course. Each student in the IIRS designs a research project and pursues it through independent study, guided by a faculty mentor. Students meet with their mentors at least once per week and with the seminar director once every other week. IIRS members also convene two to three times per week for an interdisciplinary seminar. All participants keep journals in which they record their research. Each semester they must produce projects as evidence of their work, usually a research paper, a literary or artistic work, a scientific experiment, or a performance. The projects' content determines the form of the final result.

During seminar sessions, students teach each other about the knowledge acquired through their independent work. They also discuss a limited number of common readings.