

## INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students must submit a proposal (see COGS thesis proposal and independent study form) to the steering committee by the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> week in the term prior to the term in which the independent study is planned. Proposals will include a plan and rationale for the IS, as well as a weekly syllabus. Criteria for approval include whether the proposed plan is significantly different from what is available in course offerings, whether the plan is well conceived and concrete, and whether it includes sufficient means of assessment. IS advisors are encouraged to work with the student to develop the proposal, and must sign the IS/Honors form. Students are encouraged to submit well in advance of the deadline. Approval will be at the chair's discretion, with borderline cases sent to the committee for review.