

WMS 491 - Directed Independent Study

Credits: 1- 3

Prerequisite: Overall minimum GPA of 2.00, enrolled as WMS minor and consent of instructor, WMS coordinator and dean. Involves investigation under faculty supervision beyond what is offered in existing courses. For further information, consult the Directed Individual Studies section in this catalogue. May not be repeated for credit.

Recent WMS minors have completed DIS's in global activism to stop violence against women and girls, feminist theory, inquiry into community direct services in Southeastern North Carolina. Contact the director of the WSRC for more information. Details regarding WMS DIS policies and requirements follow.

DIS is an opportunity for superior students to conduct inquiries into subjects either not covered or insufficiently covered in existing courses. According to the UNCW Catalogue, Directed Individual Study, designated as 491, is a course involving investigation beyond what is offered in existing courses. To enroll in a Directed Individual Study, students must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.0 and the approval of:

1. the faculty member who would direct the study,
2. the departmental chairperson, and
3. the appropriate dean.

WMS Program criteria will include:

1. the availability of the instructor (ordinarily instructors will not supervise more than six student credit hours of Directed Individual Study per semester)
2. the appropriateness of and need for the proposed study in the student's program,
3. the availability of library and other research resources, and
4. the feasibility of completion of the proposed study in the allotted time.
5. *Students are limited to nine credit hours of Directed Individual Study toward graduation requirements, not more than three of which can be outside the area of concentration.*

In addition to the departmental criteria specified in the catalogue, the WSRC requires that any candidate for Directed Individual Study have junior or senior standing, have at least 9 hours of WMS minor credit. Directed Individual Study is not conceived as a program of reading exclusively or as a substitute for existing courses. The required form is available through the University Registrar.