AP 4101 – Independent Study

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Reference: Title 5 Sections 55230 et seq.

Independent Study courses may be developed for students by the appropriate faculty member(s) and approved by the appropriate Instructional Dean. Special Studies/Problems courses provide an opportunity for students to carry out a supervised individual field, laboratory, or library research project in a subject area relevant to their major and are designed primarily for students studying in areas not covered by the College's curriculum.

Butte College offers two courses in Independent Study, 95 – Special Studies (Academic) and 97 – Special Problems (Career).

   95 – Special Studies (for Academic or Transfer subjects) Supervised study in researching an area in the student's academic major.

   97 – Special Problems (for Career & Technical Education subjects) Supervised study and practice in solving special problems in the student's career major.

Academic standards for independent study are the same as those applied to other credit courses.

The faculty member overseeing the Special Studies or Special Problems course is responsible for the evaluation of student progress as in other credit courses.

Access to the instructor is equivalent to that commonly available to students in courses conducted by other instructional methods.