

## Legal Studies 691: INDEPENDENT STUDY

**PURPOSE:** Legal Studies 691, Independent Study, is intended for advanced students to pursue studies beyond the available coursework. Not designed for beginning students, independent study may be a substantial research project, readings in a particular literature, investigation of a particular issue or extension of courses.

**PROVISIONS:** The following University and Departmental provisions apply:

1. Students must make arrangements with a faculty member to supervise LEGS 691. The course is a faculty overload and faculty may or may not be able and willing to supervise a independent study. Students should select faculty with expertise in the area studied.
2. Students may enroll more than once.
3. The work to be accomplished in a independent study course should approximate that in a regular course. For example, a research project should be commensurate with a regular course requirement which might include papers, reading assignments and examinations.
4. The course is graded A, B, C, D or F. Under WVU and department regulations, the course can not be taken pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

**PROPOSAL:** The student should develop a proposal and complete the following *two* steps:

1. The student should fill out the brief *initial proposal* form and then meet with the faculty member to discuss the independent study.
2. After the initial discussion, a *typed final proposal* must be submitted to the instructor. The proposal should cover the same items as in the initial proposal, but in fuller and more complete form.

INITIAL PROPOSAL	
Topic	
Reason to Study	
Hypothesis or Focus	
Methodology or Approach	
Research Data or Sources	
Final Product	
Schedule of Reports	
Date of Completion	

**APPROVAL:**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Professor \_\_\_\_\_

Copies: Student, Professor, Student File. This form should be given to the student prior to or at the time of registration when a permit for the course is issued.