

Independent Study Policy at Masters' Programs of AUCA

Students who have successfully completed 60 credit hours of coursework applicable to the MA degree are permitted to take independent study courses subject to departmental approval. Each course will count six academic credits for the student and two academic credits for the faculty member. The supervision of an independent study course will count as part of the regular supervision load established by the University, i.e. two students / four semesters per academic year. Extra supervision load cannot exceed two (more) student / four (more) semesters. For extra supervision load faculty members will be paid one credit per student / semester.

The student and faculty member must design a syllabus beforehand that meets the approval of the department chair or involved program faculty and that clearly explains course assignments and how student performance will be evaluated.

Each MA program will create a course number at the 900 level for independent study. It is at the discretion of each program to determine its individual grading policies and to decide how it will categorize this course to satisfy the requirements of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic.