



**Required information if doing an off-campus or international IS/IR:**

Location name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State/Country, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Policies & Guidelines**

Please note college policy for IS/IR: <https://catalog.stolaf.edu/academic-regulations-procedures/registration-course-enrollment/>

1. The total work done for a 1.0 independent study or independent research course shall approximate that expected for a regular 1.0 credit course. For 0.5 or 0.25 credit IS or IR, the amount of work should be reduced proportionally
2. You must have prior coursework or other background learning relevant to the proposed independent project. These guidelines are as follows:
  - a. To attempt IS (298) at least two prerequisite courses are required.
  - b. To attempt IR (398) at least five prerequisite courses are required.
  - c. First-year students may not take IS/IR courses.
3. Consult with the department chair or program director for more information on whether the IS/IR will apply towards your major.
4. IS/IR does not fulfill WRI/OEP unless specifically approved to do so. IS/IR cannot fulfill any other General Education or OLE Core requirements.
  - Students using catalog years 2021 to the present are eligible to receive OEP credit; students using catalog years 2020 and older are eligible to receive WRI credit. *To find your catalog year, view your DegreePath in the SIS.*
  - For instructions on how to apply for OEP or WRI, please see page 3.
5. Submit your completed application to the Registrar’s office in Tomson Hall, or email it to [registrar@stolaf.edu](mailto:registrar@stolaf.edu). Make a copy for your own records.
  - The Registrar’s office will add the course only after this form has been submitted and approved. If the completed form is submitted after the last day to add a course, a petition to late add is required in order to add the course.

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED BELOW:**

**I have read the requirements for Independent Study / Independent Research and understand and agree to the conditions and guidelines as outlined on this form, and other conditions pertaining to this application as stated in the Academic Catalog.**

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grading option\*:** Graded  S/U

\*Select grading option after the faculty supervisor has signed off on the form.

## Guidelines for Applying OLE Experience in Practice (OEP) to Independent Study/Research

**Students:** You **must** also include a separate rationale that specifically addresses all of the intended learning outcomes for OEP, taking into account the guidelines: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/curriculum-committee/files/2021/03/OEP.pdf>. Beginning with catalog year 2021, students are eligible to receive OEP credit for an IS/IR course. Your catalog year is listed in DegreePath.

**OEP will not be approved if you do not provide a rationale.**

***In your rationale, explain how you will meet the following intended learning outcomes through your Independent Study/Research:***

The student will:

1. identify emerging vocational and/or academic interests based on the experience.
2. integrate prior and/or concurrent coursework with the experience.
3. evaluate skills and roles, including those that help them contribute to the community.

**Faculty:** When approving OEP for an independent study/research, check the OEP approval line below the faculty signature line on page 1 of this form.

### **Guidelines for OLE Experience in Practice courses:**

1. The course helps students through active mentorship.
  2. The course incorporates reflection as a principal and integral part of learning.
  3. The course must provide opportunities for students to engage in guided inquiry.
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## Guidelines for Applying Writing in Context (WRI) to Independent Study/Research

**Students:** You **must** also include a separate rationale that specifically addresses all of the intended learning outcomes for WRI, taking into account the guidelines: <http://wp.stolaf.edu/curriculum-committee/files/2013/12/WRI.pdf>. Students up to catalog year 2020 are eligible for receive WRI credit for an IS/IR course. Your catalog year is listed in DegreePath.

**WRI will not be approved if you do not provide a rationale.**

***In your rationale, explain how you will meet the following intended learning outcomes through your Independent Study/Research:***

The student will demonstrate.

1. The ability to write effectively in a form appropriate to a particular disciplinary or interdisciplinary course of study.
2. The ability to write as a means for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating.
3. The ability to engage in writing as a systematic, iterative process, using flexible strategies for generating drafts, responding to feedback, revising, editing, and proofreading.

**Faculty:** When approving WRI for an independent study/research, check the WRI approval line below the faculty signature line on page 1 of this form.

### **Guidelines for WRI Writing in Context courses:**

1. The course helps students write effective prose in a particular community of knowledge.
2. The course incorporates writing as a principal and integral part of learning.
3. The course must provide instruction in writing and must require students to revise their work in response to instructor feedback.