APPLIED MATHEMATICS INDEPENDENT STUDY POLICY

As a major research institution, the University of Washington values enhancing a student's overall education with opportunities to participate in research. Independent study credit, AMATH 600 (on campus or online), is not designed to earn easy credit. Rather, these studies are designed for high-performing students who are interested in gaining research experience.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is considered independent study?

Independent study may include:

- Collaborating with an AMATH faculty member on research
- Initiating an independent research topic under the supervision of an AMATH faculty member
- The topic should be academically related to the AMATH program, and should be an extension of coursework beyond what is taught in the classroom
- Original work is desired and should be on an advanced topic that is not offered in an existing UW course
- Learning a programming language, or a remedial topic, is not acceptable

How do I set up independent study?

- It is the student's responsibility to approach the faculty member with an idea for independent study
- Faculty consider each request individually and are under no obligation to offer an independent study option to any student
- Receive approval from a faculty member who is supervising the work, prior to the start of the quarter
    - Consult with your supervising faculty member throughout the quarter
    - Your supervising faculty member may require a final summary or report, but the department does not
- After approval, register for AMATH 600 credits using the code provided by your supervising faculty member

What credits will I earn and how are they applied to my master's degree?

- Students must earn four credits of AMATH 600 to count them as one course toward the nine class requirement for the master's degree

- This substitution is only approved one time toward the degree
- Students typically spread the four credits out over two quarters
- AMATH 600 is graded CR/NC (credit/no credit) only