## INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

## AP 4101 DIRECTED STUDY

## **References:**

Title 5 Sections 55230 et seq.

A directed study course is a credit course in which the student or a group of students is enrolled by special arrangement with a faculty member and with the approval of the department chairperson and appropriate dean. The directed study course involves students working on a special project in a discipline which is listed in the college catalog. Such projects make possible the enrichment and broadening of a student's experience beyond that available through the regular curriculum. Directed study courses are not to be taken in place of a course listed in the catalog, except in extenuating circumstances approved by the dean.

## **Procedures for Approval for Direct Study**

- Before registration, the student must meet with a faculty member who determines whether the student qualifies for the course.
- Upon agreement that the student will proceed with the directed study course, the department adds the course to the schedule and provides the course number to the faculty member.
- The faculty member completes the contract which includes the learning objectives, the number of units to be awarded, and the methods of evaluation.
- With a valid contract, Enrollment Services will complete the registration procedures.
- The faculty member forwards a copy of the contract to their Department Chairperson and Division Dean during the first week of the semester or term.
- Weekly student activity and weekly contact with faculty member must be documented and maintained by faculty member for three academic years after course is completed.

Also see AP 5070 Attendance

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