

# Policy on Independent Studies

Policy 218

## 1 Introduction

1.1 As part of its Academic Integrity (AI) regulations, the University of North Carolina General Administration (UNC-GA) now requires all UNC campuses to have an official policy limiting the number of undergraduate independent studies a faculty member may supervise.

## 2 Scope

2.2 This policy applies to all faculty members.

## 3 Definitions

## 4 Policy and Procedure Statements

4.1 All independent studies must be approved by the chair and the dean. No faculty member may supervise more than three undergraduate independent studies during a term (Fall, Spring, Summer 1 or Summer 2). Individual colleges may have more restrictive limits in their policies, but may not allow more than three independent studies per faculty member per semester as standard practice.

4.2 Under extraordinary circumstances it may be desirable to allow a faculty member to teach more than three independent studies. Such exceptions will be granted only with the express approval of the chair and the dean, and the reasons for the exception must be documented in writing. Those exceptions are to be reported to Academic Affairs and records of all approvals are to be kept in the college or department offices.

## 5 Additional References

[Academic Governance Handbook](#)

## 6 Authority

[The University of North Carolina Policy Manual, 700.6.1\[R\]](#)

## 7 Contact Information

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## 8 Original Effective Date

February 26, 2014

## 9 Revision Dates