

Cancelled Courses and Policy

Cancellation of Courses

The University may cancel courses that fail to meet minimum enrollment requirements from time to time. When this occurs, students may be permitted to enroll in alternate courses or a directed study course provided to allow the student to maintain steady progress toward timely degree completion and graduation goal. In the event of a course cancellation.

Independent and Directed Study

Independent or directed studies may be available, with approval, to students upon request or upon institutional need. The Independent/Directed Study form must be completed before the student can register or add the course, and the student is required to complete registration before the official end of the University's add/drop period.

An **independent study** may be offered to allow a student to investigate an identified area of academic interest NOT available through a University's established curriculum. An independent study is student-driven but guided by faculty in almost all cases. The investigation may include a planned program of readings or involve research in some aspect of the discipline. Independent studies are open to juniors or seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

A **directed study** occurs when an active course within an academic program is not scheduled. The offering of a directed study is predicated on the institutional need or to assist a student in maintaining adequate progress toward completing their degree. To meet eligibility requirements for a directed study, the student must attain the specified criteria below:

- GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Junior or Senior standing at Leighton.
- The student has completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of work at Leighton University with a passing grade that yields the specified GPA of 3.0.
- Has completed the foundational courses of the student's major or obtained the approval of the chair of the respective department.

Before the student enrolls for an independent or directed study, conference times mutually agreeable to the student and the faculty member should be arranged. The conferences provide an evaluation of the student's progress in the study. A paper describing the student's findings is ordinarily required after the survey. An independent or a directed study must be concluded within two contiguous Terms of an academic semester. Enrollment requires the dean's approval or by a program authorized representative.