
Last Name

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Title of Independent Pattern Study:

For listing on official transcript

Occidental offers students, with the consultation of faculty members, the opportunity to design an Independent Pattern of Study (IPS) in lieu of a major program. An Independent Pattern of Study is appropriate when a student has a strong and well-developed motivation to pursue interdisciplinary study in areas where the College does not have a defined program. Such a program is particularly appropriate in newly emerging areas of study. It must, however, be one which is feasible for both the College and the student. The student must demonstrate to the faculty involved a record of success in completing previous work in courses, independent study and other programs.

Each proposal for an IPS should include the following components:

1. A statement of academic purpose. Make clear to a non-expert the nature of the proposed study, its relationship to existing areas of study, and the reasons for the student's interest, which may be intellectual or vocational. Compare with other undergraduate programs in the proposed area, if possible. Show the need for an IPS, a need which cannot be met in an existing major program.
2. A program of at least 48 units, including 32 numbered 300 or greater level relevant courses already taken and a schedule of future courses; include independent study projects. Give a rationale for the inclusion of each course and show the depth of study and the breadth of ()Tj 08 oaoc10(e)-2.6(n)2(g)12.8(m)19.2(aj9)-2.7(v)12.192-1.7(m)17

