

INSTRUCTION
STUDENT COURSE LOAD

This policy governs student enrollment for study delivered through independent study, correspondence course study, and Internet based course delivery.

Courses offered at an alternative time other than that of the master schedule are not independent study courses. Such incidents are concurrently taught courses. That delivery will occur only with the approval of the principal. The principal's decision is final in such instances.

Independent Study

Independent study may receive consideration as an alternative for gifted student programming. It is designed to provide those students an opportunity to pursue an academic interest that cannot be fulfilled through the current curriculum of the high school. The following criteria must be met:

1. The student must have successfully completed all courses offered by Upton High School within the curricular area of the requested course.
2. Proof must be provided that the curriculum of the independent study course has been aligned to the standards for the State of Wyoming.
3. Independent study courses will only be approved for students of senior class status.
4. Each student may not request approval of more than one independent study course per semester.
5. Procedural steps for registration:
 - a. Student's written request for consideration to school counselor.
 - b. Counselor's approval submitted to principal.
 - c. Principal's approval of an instructor.
 - d. Principal's approval of amount of credit to be earned.
 - e. Principal's final approval of enrollment.
6. Any additional cost to the district for the course beyond use of existing district equipment and supplies must be borne by the student.

7. Grade earned through independent study will be utilized in determining honor roll and GPA status.

Internet Based Courses:

1. Proof must be provided either by the Wyoming Department of Public Instruction, or by Weston County School District #7 personnel that the Internet based course has standards that have been aligned to those for the State of Wyoming.
2. Consideration for approval of an Internet based class will only be given in cases of the following:
 - a. The enrollment has been approved as an independent study class as approved by the building principal.
 - b. The enrollment is offered as a vehicle to remediate a credit deficiency and is being used in lieu of reenrollment at UHS.
3. Grades earned through Internet based course study will be utilized in determining honor roll and GPA status.

