B-4. Independent Study Courses

A student enrolled in the regular program is permitted to carry independent study courses for college credit only with the prior written approval of his or her academic dean advisor. Credit for correspondence-study courses will not be accepted without such approval.

**Rationale:** Deans already refer students back to their advisors, as advisors generally know the students’ situations. Making this change will reduce approval time for students.

E-4. Computing Grade-Point Averages

Grades are converted by assigning the following number of points per credit for each grade: A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1, F-0. In computing the grade-point average, neither credits attempted nor grade points earned are considered for the following: courses graded I, IP, P, S, W, WU, N, CR, NC, correspondence courses, continuing education units, credits earned under regulation I, or courses taken at another institution. Credit earned at non-U.S. institutions is recorded as pass (P) or fail (F), except for some courses taken through an approved study abroad program.

The UI considers only the Institutional grade-point average official. Although both institutional and overall grade-point averages are printed on transcripts, the overall grade-point average (which includes transfer courses) is informational only. To calculate a grade-point average divide the Quality Points (course credits times the points assigned for the grade earned) by the GPA Hours (course credits attempted not including grades of I, IP, P, W, WU, or N). Earned Hours indicate the total number of semester credits successfully completed (course grades of A, B, C, D, or P earned). Grades of P are included in Earned Hours but do not earn any quality points; grades of F are included in GPA Hours, but not in Earned Hours.

J-2. Residency Requirements

A student must earn a minimum of 30 upper-division credits in UI courses. No credits awarded for alternative credit opportunities (see regulation I) or independent study can be counted among these 30 UI credits. Study abroad and student exchange credits may be counted toward this requirement with prior approval by the student's academic department and dean.
J-9. Academic Minors

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Transfer credits may be applied to a minor, however, at least 9 credits of those completing the minor’s requirements must be in UI courses. Similar to the residency requirements for a baccalaureate degree in J-2, no credits awarded for independent study, bypassed courses (see I-2-d), credit by examination (see I-1-a, I-1-c, or I-2-a), College Level Examination Program (CLEP – see I-2-b), or experiential learning (see I-2-b) can be counted among these 9 UI credits. Study abroad and student exchange credits may be counted toward this requirement with prior approval by the student’s academic department and dean.

Rationale: The proposal is that University of Idaho-sponsored ISI courses count as in-residence courses for the following purposes: meeting upper-division in-residence requirements, replacing a previously earned grade in the course, and providing quality points.

Removing the barriers to applying upper-division UI-sponsored ISI courses to UI degree completion will facilitate timely graduation. This change will also allow students to use UI-sponsored ISI courses to retake a course to improve their grade or GPA. Thus, it will provide students an additional option for achieving course success through UI-sponsored ISI courses and will facilitate the transfer of UI-sponsored ISI courses to other institutions. Certain institutions (e.g., Penn State University) view courses without quality points as not having been taken for credit.

Non-University of Idaho-sponsored courses should fall under transfer courses, thus automatically excluding them from similar consideration. If necessary, in-/exclusionary language could be included such as “non-UI sponsored independent study courses” in regulation J-2, for example.