Courses tailored for individual students provide a valuable opportunity for them to pursue an academic or professional interest under the supervision of a Rice faculty member. Such courses are typically titled as independent study or research, directed reading, or internships. Although the organization of these courses is quite variable, they are subject to the same basic requirements as other course offerings. In particular:

- The subject matter and intellectual level of the course must be appropriate for Rice.
- The instructor of record must hold a regular faculty appointment at Rice. This instructor is responsible for submitting the final grade, in consultation with the student’s immediate supervisor, if appropriate.
- The course must have a written syllabus that meets published Rice Syllabus Standards (ga.rice.edu/faculty/syllabus-standards). In addition, the syllabus must include a description of anticipated activities and topical content.
- Credit hours assigned are subject to the same amount-of-work considerations as other courses. Credit hours will be awarded in accordance with the Rice credit hour guidelines (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/contact_hours) and fixed at the time of registration.
- All Registrar deadlines for registration, add/drop, completion of course work, and grade submission must be met.