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, internships, or are described as a teaching experience. 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 Academic Calendar (or Registrar) deadlines for registration, add/drop, completion of coursework, and grade submission must be met.