

**MSC 4400  
Independent Study  
Fall 2006****Instructor**

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**Course Time and Location**

1-3 credit hours  
Times and Locations TBD

**Course Description**

MSC 4400 is an independent study workshop where student's will accomplish a task or project based off of initial counseling which takes into consideration student desires and department needs. This course develops student's ability to work with minimal supervision, establish goals, meet deadlines and execute project management. Although there are no scheduled classes, periodic assessments of progress will be required.

**Learning Objectives**

The overall purpose of this course is to develop you as an independently functioning individual while developing you into a commissioned officer as you accomplish a needed personal or departmental requirement.

**Personal Development**

- Develop goal setting and accomplishment criteria
- Build a sense of duty and obligation
- Write and brief effectively

**Values and Ethics**

- Accomplish established goals without supervision
- Work within the constructs of Duty and Selfless Service

**Requirements**

Dependant on topic designated by instructor and negotiated at time of initial counseling. All projects will be completed by end of term.

**Evaluation and Grading**

In-progress reviews x2	10%
Final project accomplishment	80%

Solid performance in each area of evaluation will be necessary to earn a grade of "B". The following grading scale will be used based on 100 points possible:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
Below 70	F

Every attempt will be made to offer adequate written assessments in explaining evaluations. ***All late papers and assignments will receive a 10% reduction in grade.***

### **Course Design**

Project based.

### **Electronic Devices**

Cell phones, pagers, and other portable electronic communications devices will be turned off during class instruction. In the event of an EIU emergency, the instructor has a pager on and is signed into the EIU Emergency Contact System.

### **Special Needs**

The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires the University to provide a "reasonable accommodation" to any individual who advises us of a physical or mental disability. If you have a physical or mental limitation that requires an accommodation or an academic adjustment, please arrange a meeting with me at your earliest convenience.

Accommodations for physical disabilities can only be made in compliance with the physical fitness requirements for Army ROTC cadets.

### **Office Hours and Appointments**

Office Hours are T-Tr 1300-1600

I have an open door policy if you need to meet with me to discuss assignments, issues, or concerns. I am willing to schedule a specific time to meet with you beyond office hours. Please coordinate with the ROTC office secretary.

### **Overview of Sessions**

To be determined at initial counseling