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**Kern Community College District  
Board Policy  
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs**

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**BP 4101 Independent Study**

**Rely Primarily Upon the Advice and Judgment**

**Reference:**

Title 5 Sections 55230 et seq.

Note: This policy is **unique to Kern CCD**.

The colleges of Kern CCD offer Independent Study courses allowing students the opportunity to explore a subject in greater depth independently. The District Chancellor or designee shall ensure that administrative procedures are written to provide for Independent Study courses.

Independent Study courses also allows students the opportunity to fulfill an immediate need due to circumstances beyond their control as determined by the Chief Instructional Officer at the respective college to meet a specific requirement for their degree, certificate, major, or for transfer.