

# Colleges offer more free study

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Attempts are spreading through the University to make independent study available to more students.

Some departments in the College of Arts and Sciences are splitting independent study courses into honors and regular sections and are offering an "opportunity number course." Planning is also underway to offer a special topics course.

Walter H. Bruning, assistant dean of faculties, said every college is moving through the stage of changing its independent studies course.

This course was formerly for University students who desired to do independent reading or research with the

idea of submitting a thesis to graduate with distinction.

According to John W. Robinson, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, this course will now become two sections in some departments. The honors section (199H) will remain a course for students seeking to graduate with distinction.

The regular section (199) will be offered to students who desire to do independent research and reading. The student will need the approval of his adviser and the instructor he chooses to work under.

Students can register for 199 next semester if the course has been approved in the specific department, Robinson said. He added that each department

"All departments have been asked to split the course into

two sections," the dean said. "I think that the response has been fairly good."

The College of Agriculture has also been working to establish two sections of independent study, Lee W. Chatfield, dean of student academic services, noted.

Chatfield said that he feels independent study should be made available to all students, not just honor students. But he questions how many will actually take the course.

Some departments in Arts and Sciences are also offering an opportunity number course, Chatfield said. This course would allow a student enrolled in a course to do extra work and receive one to two hours of extra credit.

"If a student is interested in a particular aspect of a course," Chatfield explained, "he could do extra reading and research on it for credit."

Some departments in Arts and Sciences are also arrang-

ing for a special topics course. This course would allow an instructor to offer on a once-or-twice-only basis a course of topical or useful significance, according to Fred Link, professor of English.

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