

**HECC 5399.560 - Graduate Independent
Study Long Summer semester, 2026**

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Format: The course is hybrid. Canvas is not used at all but Zoom is used if meetings are online. Documents are emailed or handled in-person between instructor and student since there is only one student.

Class Location & Times: By agreement between student and instructor.

Required Text: Set by student and instructor. For a Study that is precursor to a Thesis, no text is necessary.

Catalog Description: Independent study in specific areas of health and exercise science not covered by organized graduate courses. A maximum of six hours of independent study courses may be applied toward a graduate degree. Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Course Objectives: For a Study that is precursor to a Thesis, the goal and objectives are to be ready for a Thesis I semester.

Letter grade-percentage transposition:

A: 91% - 100%

D: 61% - 70%

B: 81% - 90%

F: below 61%

C: 71% - 80%

Grading Plan: For a Study that is precursor to a Thesis, regular chapter drafts; regular meetings (set between student and instructor).

If References are used: Style specified in the latest APA Publication Manual (American Psychological Association). This includes in-text references and reference lists. Invest the time early on to learn APA style.

AI statement (starting in the fall of 2024, UT Tyler expects every course syllabus to include an AI statement): 2- AI is permitted, AND the student must acknowledge it in his/her references. (The instructor believes that the individual graduate student can do better than AI on written tasks.)

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