



Independent Study Guidelines

Goal:

The goal of the Independent Study project is to produce a transdisciplinary study to present to the Board of Supervisors, community, and partners. This research is to be focused in Boone County and on natural resource conservation.

This study can highlight one or multiple aspects of BCCDKY: education, stream assessments, invasive species, erosion, etc. You may utilize any resource BCCDKY can offer: GIS software, forestry data, Boone County maps, stream hydromodification data, and more. If the desired data is not readily available to BCCDKY, we will reach out to our partners for the information.

Important Dates:

- ✓ **November 30th** – Proposal & Outline DUE
- ✓ **December 28th** – Independent Study Check-In
- ✓ **January 28th or February 25th** – Independent Study & Intern Experience Presentation

Proposal:

The proposal will be due within the first month of employment. The proposal must be at least 200 words on the proposed research. This must be approved by BCCDKY staff to continue. This can be sent *before* the due date to see if changes need to be made ahead of time.

Outline:

The outline must show what the plans are over the course of the internship for the Independent Study. This will act as a guideline and put deadlines on the calendar for the intern and BCCDKY staff.

Requirements:

- Focus in Boone County
- Be a natural resource conservation effort
- Result in at least one poster (can have additional resources)