WHAT IS A DIRECTED STUDY?
A directed study is either a one or two-term project in which you are 'directed' by faculty. There is the exception that you will be quite self-directed in study, and a fair bit of initiative must be taken on by you, the student. Faculty do not design special courses for students as you should be coming with some ideas of what you want to do already formed.

WHAT DOESN'T FLY?
Sorry, but these things just don’t work as directed studies:
- doing existing coursework as a directed study
- asking the faculty member for a project
- technical knowledge development (i.e. wanting to learn Photoshop better)
- very low-level theory (i.e. understanding hierarchy)
- topics outside of your chosen faculty member's domains of knowledge (i.e. ensure you have a similar interest!)

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL DIRECTED STUDY
Some tips for a better chance at approval:
- approach the faculty member very early in the term prior about doing a directed study
- have a solid couple of ideas of what you would like to do
- ensure you can answer 'why should I care' (to the faculty) and 'how is this related to SIAT'?

THE APPLICATION PROCESS
If you’re interested in doing a directed study, please follow these steps:
1. Before starting this list, read everything on this page.
2. Contact the faculty member of your choice to let them know you’re interested and ask if they are accepting students
3. Download the directed studies form and fill it out (ask questions as necessary)
4. Submit the initial draft of the form before the deadline for the next term
5. Be prepared for some revisions of your form before getting it approved

AVAILABILITY
As directed studies are additions to a faculty member’s usual teaching load, they can only take so many on before it hinders their ability to teach other courses. You may be denied due to this reason.

DEADLINES
2 months prior to semester start: Have notified Faculty member of interest and confirmed availability
1 month prior to semester start: Initial draft of directed studies form due
2 weeks prior to semester start: Revisions (as necessary) of directed studies form due
Beginning of term: Completed directed studies form due