Approved
Online Course Provider

BYU Independent Study-Teacher Led Courses
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OSPI Approval
Approved as a Multidistrict Online Course Provider since 2012-2013.

Student Performance and Demographics
Data for school year: 2014-2015
Teacher-to-student ratio: 1:59
Course completion rate: 93%
Course pass rate: 87%

Overview
BYU Independent Study is a nonprofit online educational program that offers more than 550 online courses - university, high school, middle school, and free noncredit - to students throughout the United States and in over 90 foreign countries. Enrollment is open to anyone, anytime of the year, with a full year to complete most courses.
Our mission: BYU Independent Study partners with educational institutions to develop and support unique educational experiences for students beyond the physical classroom.
We provide online course options; Teacher-Led and Self-Guided courses enable high school students learn in many different situations.
Our Teacher-Led courses provide all of the benefits of Self-Guided courses while making the experience more interactive. They include one-on-one mentoring; teacher-led activities; begin with a course orientation provided by the teacher; and meet certain state/organizational requirements for more instructor interaction and student guidance. Our Teacher-Led language courses allow students to practice their language with students, mentors, and the instructor. Our courses provide virtual learning supported by the use of diverse videos, computerized labs, interactive activities, instructor tutorials, and animated clips. They also feature advanced features and productivity tools, including a student homepage, access to student grades, and a student progress calendar. BYU Independent Study students register online or by phone for a course and can start immediately. After submitting all course assignments, students take a final exam with a certified proctor or testing center in their area.
BYU Independent Study integrates labs, ebooks, and educational applications from Pearson, McGraw Hill, and StatCrunch to enrich our courses developed by our instructional designers.
All of our online courses are taught by certified instructors and have the quality and rigor needed to prepare students to meet your school’s graduation requirements. A course reading packet is also available for students that wish to have a paper version of the content.
Course Offerings
Subjects:
- Business
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Languages

Levels:
- Advanced Placement
- College
- Credit Recovery
- CTE and Elective Credit
- Honors
- Remedial
- Standard

Students
BYU Independent Study’s Teacher-Led courses are a blend of live and student-paced instruction (both synchronous and asynchronous). These courses have all the benefits of virtual learning. In addition, our Teacher-Led courses offer direct instruction; live, teacher-led activities; the ability to practice language courses with students, mentors, and the instructor; and a course orientation provided by the teacher at the beginning of the enrollment.

Students access course materials online and submit all assignments electronically. The course readings are included in the course, but students can order a hard copy if they wish. All courses offer active mentoring of each student’s progress, and most provide free tutoring. Exams are administered by a certified proctor or testing center. Student and technical support are available by phone, email, live chat, or mail.

These courses are best for students who:
- Need a course that is approved by OSPI and are eligible for student participation to be claimed for Washington state basic education funding.
- Want interactive mentoring, instruction, and guidance.
- Can benefit from increased structure, monitoring, and motivation.
- Want to take their entire course online (excluding exams).
- Want to be able to set a course completion date with suggestions for assignment due dates.
- Have a counselor or parent that wants to closely follow their progress.

BYU Independent Study’s Self-Guided courses are designed for student-paced instruction (asynchronous). Students can access their course when and where they choose, progressing at their own pace. Exams are administered by a certified proctor or testing center. Student support is available by phone, email, and live chat. Your students may also receive free tutoring and active mentoring of their progress. Most of these courses are also available in a paper format.

This is best for students who:
- Prefer learning in a more self-paced, independent learning style.
- Want to take their entire course online (excluding exams).
- Want to be able to set a course completion date with suggestions for assignment due dates.
- Have a counselor or parent that wants to closely follow their progress.
Student-Teacher Contact Requirements
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Students access course materials online and submit all assignments electronically. (The course readings are included in the course, but students can order a hard copy if they wish). Students receive free tutoring if desired and active mentoring of their progress. Exams are administered by a certified proctor or testing center. Student and technical support are available by phone, e-mail, live chat, or mail.

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Have a counselor or parent that wants to closely follow their progress.

BYU Independent Study’s Self-Guided courses are designed for student-paced instruction (asynchronous). Our rigorous and established courses are built on over 90 years of experience educating high school students. Students can access their course when and where they choose, progressing at their own pace. Exams are administered by a certified proctor or testing center. Student support is available by phone, email, and live chat. Your students may also receive free tutoring and active mentoring of their progress. Most of these courses are also available in a paper format.

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Courseware Platform
BYU Independent Study uses a learning management system called BrainHoney. This system is web-based and works on all major browsers and operating systems without any installation. The student-teacher activities take place via a web-based video conferencing tool that requires no installation. While we don't require students to use webcams in all courses, our teachers do use webcams, and we highly encourage students to use them. Some courses also include streaming audio and video. We recommend broadband Internet access. Other features vary by course; unique system requirements are rare, but are listed in the course catalog description when applicable.