

**Common Course Outline**  
**OSHT 291**  
**Independent Study in Safety and Health**  
**1 Credit**

**The Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

**OSHT 291 – Independent Study in Safety and Health** studies one or more emerging issue(s) of contemporary significance to the environmental, health, and safety profession; includes practice in researching and identifying emerging issues, and exploration of successful management of the issue(s) in different occupations. Students should expect a minimum of one hour per week.

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**Prerequisites:** (ENGL 052 and RDNG 052) or ACLT 052; OSHT 101 and two of the following OSHT courses: OSHT 106, OSHT 111, OSHT 121, OSHT 161, OSHT 226, OSHT 251, OSHT 266.

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. select appropriate information to identify contemporary issues in occupational safety, environment, and health;
2. differentiate various sources and reports on issues;
3. assess and compare potential impacts of the issues on workplace safety and health; and
4. examine and evaluate examples of solutions in work environments.

**Major Topics**

- I. Contemporary issues in the environment, health, and safety profession
- II. Sources of information
- III. Solutions and management of issues in the work environment
- IV. Additional topics as determined each semester by the student and instructor

**Course Requirements**

**Grading/exams:** Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- Study proposal and plan, for example, the student may propose to study the upcoming ISO 45001 standard and preparations by companies already following ISO 9000 quality

standards and/or ISO 14000 environmental standards to adopt and integrate ISO 45001 in their operations.

- At least 2 discussion assignments
- Independent research written paper
- Participation in scheduled activities

Written Assignments: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources.

### **Other Course Information**

This course is a required course for the OSHT A.A.S degree.

This course may not be offered in all semesters. Refer to the registration schedule.

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