

University of Washington American Ethnic Studies

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ETHNIC STUDIES

499 Supervised Study in Selected Fields: Course Guidelines

This course is designed specifically for those students who wish to pursue faculty sponsored independent study within the Arts and Sciences, American Ethnic Studies Department along the lines not otherwise provided by existing courses. Sponsorship is by an AES or adjunct AES faculty. Since there has been considerable confusion about what is involved in taking independent studies, this information is being made available to all interested students. Independent study is open to juniors and seniors, except in very rare situations. A student must have in mind a particular project, problem or field, and some idea on how they propose to go about studying it independently.

This special function of 499 is to enable students to investigate areas of intellectual interest that are substantially distinct from existing courses and/or pursue modes of inquiry that are more intensive, specialized or innovative than those that are encountered in conventional course work. Normally, the student will be expected to have exhausted all available, formal courses relevant to his/her chosen subject and to have prepared herself/himself for undertaking such specialized, independent study. A 499 project should not overlap significantly with existing courses nor should it serve as a *dé facto* class.

This option involves a tutorial contract between the student and faculty sponsor to complete a specified supervised program of reading, research or a distinct project with a format for conferences, papers and other projects agreed upon at the outset. A faculty sponsor will normally not be authorized to direct more than a limited number of tutorial students in any given quarter. Students normally enroll for up to five credits per quarter with a total of ten credits possible in Independent Studies either through AES or an area concentration, during a student's college career.

Application for 499: Supervised Independent Study of Selected Topics

*This form can be used for any AES Concentration.

YOU MUST HAVE A FACULTY SPONSOR. Do not complete this form until you have understood the course guidelines.

Applicant _____ Major _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ Email : _____

Please circle one Junior / Senior Quarter _____ 20____ Student # _____

Number of Credits _____ (Students normally enroll for one to five credits.
A total of ten credits may be earned during a student's college career.)

- 1) State the subject or problem for Independent Study. Indicate why this is used and how it differs from the formal courses offered.
- 2) Describe the general format of the quarter's work, as approved by the faculty member who will supervise it. Indicate whether your study involves several essays, one large supervised laboratory work, readings only, etc. If possible, indicate specific dates for faculty conferences and when work is due to be turned in. (Add additional sheets if necessary.)



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The student must have the approval of a faculty sponsor. Forms are available from the American Ethnic Studies Advisor, B-509 Padelford Hall,
BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THIS COURSE.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FACULTY MEMBER WHO WILL SUPERVISE THIS INDEPENDENT STUDY

I agree to act as the faculty supervisor for the above student, and to turn in a grade to the American Ethnic Studies Dept. on the form provided at the end of the quarter.

Sponsor's Name (Please Print)

Department

Signature

As of 1/21/2009

[Three copies: student, faculty supervisor, AES Department Academic Advisor]