INSTRUCTIONS For Enrolling In HON 499 (Variable credits)

Honors 499 is a directed reading or directed research course. Such courses are not intended as routine alternatives to regular course offerings but rather as opportunities to explore themes and topics that are not covered in any available course within the program’s offerings or other departments within the University.

To enroll in a 499/699, you must obtain the consent of a particular professor with an expertise on the topic you wish to pursue. This professor may be in American Studies or in another department.

Within a week after registration (no later than the first week of instruction), you must submit to the Honors program office the petition form to take HON 499.

This one-page account must be signed by you, the professor and Honors Director and submitted to the Honors Program office. Without it, you will lose the right to have your directed work count towards your Honors requirements.

Procedure for Registration:

1. Discuss with the faculty member you want to do an independent study/directed reading what you hope to accomplish for the semester, and why you need to do it through HON 499.
2. Obtain the supervising faculty's approval for your plan, and their consent to oversee your independent study/directed reading.
3. Complete/sign the form and obtain the supervising faculty approval and signature.
4. Present the signed document to the department office.
5. You will then receive an override to register for HON 499, which will be listed under the Honors Director.

Note: When you register for directed reading courses, the number of credits are defaulted to 1 credit. Thus, to change the number of credits from 1 credit to xx credits, register via “Quick Registration.” Select the “Change Class Options” and use the pulldown menu to highlight and select the desired number of credits, then click on “Submit Changes.”

At the end of the semester, the Honors Program will contact your supervising faculty to solicit your grade for the HON 499 course.
PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO TAKE HON 499
Directed Reading/Independent Study

Semester/Year: ___________ No. of Credits: ________

Student’s Name: ____________________________

Student’s Email/Phone: _______________________

Supervising Faculty’s Name: ___________________

Supervising Faculty’s Email/Phone: _____________

Department/Field: ___________________________

Theme to be Explored: ________________________

Grade Option (Circle one)  Letter grade  C/NC

Nature of Work to be Done:

Justification as to why a 499/699 is the only feasible alternative:

Basis upon which the credits are to be Awarded (term paper, meetings, exam, short assignments, laboratory work, etc.):

List of Books to be Read: (for a directed reading):

Frequency of Student/Professor Meetings: ________________

Student’s signature: _______________________

Faculty’s signature: __________________________

Honors Director signature: ____________________