INTRODUCTION TO RESEACH (ENV S 99)
Environmental Studies Program, UCSB

This course is available to lower and upper-division students who wish to conduct directed study under the guidance of an environmental studies faculty member. Course offers motivated students an opportunity to undertake independent or collaborative research for faculty-directed research projects. Topic and scope varies, to be specified by student and supervisory faculty member prior to registration.

ENV S 99 is a variable unit course (*1-5 units per quarter, up to a total of 15 units*) with no more than 4 units total applying towards major requirements. Students are not allowed more than 30 units total in all UCSB 98/99/198/199/199AA-ZZ courses combined. Grading is optional, but to apply towards the major it must be taken for a letter grade. ***Consent of instructor and department required prior to registering.***

CRITERIA

1.   Student may have lower or upper-division standing.

2.   Student may be any major, but should have a genuine interest in the field of environmental studies before pursuing an ENV S 99 project.

3.   Student should have an overall GPA of 3.0 (*can be waived by approval from the faculty advisor*).

4.   Research must be done under the supervision of an Environmental Studies Program faculty member and can not be work already required by an existing course

5.   Topics must not be available as a part of an existing course.

6.   Student and faculty advisor must agree on the amount and type of work to be completed. This information is recorded on the ENV S 99 application form and will serve as the official "contract" between the student, faculty advisor, and the Environmental Studies Program.

PROCEDURE

1.   Discuss the research opportunity with an ES faculty advisor and agree on a project, type of work to be completed, and the number of units to be assigned based on the workload required of the student.

2.   Complete the ENV S 99 Application form, available on the reverse side, and have it signed by the faculty advisor (*must be an Environmental Studies Program faculty member*).

3.   Return the signed ENV S 99 application to the ES Academic Advisor in the ES Main Office before the quarter's Add Deadline. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself and your faculty advisor.

4.   Once the application is reviewed and approved by the ES Academic Advisor an Approval Code will be issued and used by the student to add the class via *GOLD*. Student must select the name of their faculty advisor from the 'Instructor List' when registering for the course.

ENV S 99 APPLICATION

This form must be signed by an ES Program faculty member and returned to the ES Academic Advisor before adding the course on GOLD.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ PERM #: _____

EMAIL: _____@UMAIL.UCSB.EDU ADVISOR'S NAME: _____

QUARTER: _____ YEAR: _____ # OF UNITS: _____ GRADING OPTION: ___ LET OR ___ P/NP

Describe in detail the research project the student will be working on and include the duties, goals and responsibilities he/she will have as a research assistant:

List the specific training the student will be provided, an estimated # of total hours the student will work during the quarter, and how the final grade will be determined:

SIGNATURES: *We understand the above requirements must be completed to receive course credit:*

STUDENT: _____ DATE: _____

FACULTY ADVISOR: _____ DATE: _____

ES ADVISOR/PROGRAM CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____