INDEPENDENT STUDIES PROJECT – ENV S 199

This course is available to upper-division students who have a specific topic of interest they wish to research in-depth under the supervision of an Environmental Studies (ES) faculty member. The course is intended to allow a student to further investigate a topic that: 1) may have been discussed in a specific course, 2) a unique subject not covered by an existing ES or UCSB class. The ES Program will accommodate any Independent Studies proposal as long as it's supported by an ES faculty member and the research to be conducted is environmental in nature.

Env S 199 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 and 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 it towards the major it must be taken for a letter grade. Consent of instructor and department are required before registering.

CRITERIA

1.   Student **MUST** have upper-division standing (*completion of at least 84.5 units*).

2.   Student may be any major, but should complete at least two upper-division courses in environmental studies before pursuing an Env S 199 project (*can be waived by approval from the faculty advisor*).

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

4.   Proposed work/units must be equivalent to the workload of a standard upper-division course.

5.   Topics must not be available as a part of an existing course. If an introductory course on the topic exists, 199 projects must be equivalent to work expected from an upper-division 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 199 application form and will serve as the official "contract" between the student, faculty advisor, and the Environmental Studies Program.

PROCEDURE

1.   Discuss a topic 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 student workload.

2.   Complete the Env S 199 Independent Studies Projects form, available on the reverse side, and have it signed by the faculty advisor (*must be an Environmental Studies Program faculty member*).

3.   Turn the signed Env S 199 application in to the ES Academic Advisor before the quarter's Add Deadline. Be sure to keep a photo copy of the application for your self and your faculty advisor.

4.   Once your 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 also have the two digit instructor code for their faculty advisor (*found in the quarterly Schedule of Classes under Environmental Studies*). **NOTE: Students will not be able to add the ES 199 course without prior approval of this form and an add code!**

Env S 199 Application Form

This form must be signed by an Environmental Studies faculty advisor and returned to the ES Academic Advisor before one can register for the course.

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

STUDENT'S NAME: _____   PERM #: _____

PHONE #: _____   ADVISOR'S NAME: _____

Explain the plan of study and its relevance to the student's environmental interests: Include the research topic, what you hope to learn, and how this will enhance your environmental education.

Required work for completion of the project: Include how the research will be conducted, what the final project will be, an estimated # of hours needed to complete the project, and how the 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: _____