

INDEPENDENT STUDIES APPLICATION (ENV S 199)

Environmental Studies Program, UCSB

2017

This course is designed for 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 previous course taken, or 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 an ES faculty member supports it 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. 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 **MUST** have upper-division standing (*completion of at least 90 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 workload required of the student.
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. Return the signed ENV S 199 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 199 APPLICATION

Student must have upper-division standing (90 units) to take this course. This form must be signed by an ES 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

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.

List all required work for completion of the project: Include how the research will be conducted, what the final project will be, # of hours 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: _____