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**SOC 499: *Independent Research***

REGISTRATION FORM

SOC 499 gives undergraduate students the opportunity to pursue faculty-sponsored independent research in areas not otherwise covered by existing sociology courses. Independent study is normally open only to juniors and seniors. Students must provide a written proposal outlining the objectives and research strategy of their project.

**REGISTERING FOR SOC 499**

To register for SOC 499, do the following:

1. Read the detailed instructions on the back of this page.
2. Begin developing a research proposal.
3. Present your proposal to a faculty sponsor, discuss and/or modify the proposal, and secure faculty agreement to sponsor you.
4. Complete and submit all pages of this document to the Sociology Advising office.
5. Attach a one page, typed proposal. (See details on back of this page.) **Applications will not be accepted without a COMPLETE PROPOSAL.**

Submit completed forms **by the end of the first week of the quarter.** You will be registered for the class by advising staff.

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Last Name	First Name
Student Number	Credits (2-5 per qtr, <b>10 max</b> )
Title/Subject of research	
Faculty Sponsor (Print name)	

**FACULTY AGREEMENT**

I have reviewed the student's proposal for independent research in sociology. I approve the proposal and agree to evaluate this student's progress toward the learning objectives defined therein.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

FACULTY SPONSOR SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

STUDENT SIGNATURE

OFFICE USE ONLY	DATE REGISTERED	INITIALS
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

SOC 499 enables students to investigate areas of intellectual interest substantially distinct from existing courses, and/or to pursue modes of inquiry that are more intensive, specialized, or innovative than those encountered in conventional coursework. The content should be clearly sociological, and at least as demanding as that in other upper-level sociology courses. Students are expected to have exhausted the available formal courses relevant to their chosen subject and to have prepared themselves for undertaking such specialized study. A SOC 499 project should not overlap significantly with existing courses.

SOC 499 implies a tutorial contract between the student and faculty sponsor in which the student completes a specific, supervised program of reading or research or a distinct project in a form agreed upon at the outset and made explicit in the project proposal. Faculty will normally be limited in the number of tutorial students to be supervised in any given quarter.

You may enroll in SOC 499 for two to five credits per quarter (for a maximum ten credits total). Sociology majors may count no more than a **combined total** of five credits of SOC 499 and SOC 399 (Sociology Internship) toward sociology electives. SOC 499 credits **may not substitute for any other major requirement**. All 499 credit hours will be graded credit/no credit (C/NC).

## PROJECT PROPOSAL

Attach a one page, typed proposal addressing the following questions. Discuss these elements with your faculty sponsor, as they provide the criteria against which you will be evaluated.

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1. Describe the proposed research question. What will you study, and how will you study it?
2. State your learning objectives for this project. What skills or knowledge will you gain?
3. Describe the evaluation you have negotiated with the faculty sponsor. How will the faculty sponsor assess your completion of the objectives you have articulated? Be specific (e.g., write a 8-10 page paper).

<p>Submit the application and proposal to the Advising Office <b>by the end of the first week of the quarter.</b></p>
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