

499 Enrollment Form

Check all that apply: _____ 499 A _____ 499 B _____ 499C

Please type your responses using an electronic copy of this form. Contact Joy Drinnon for a copy or visit the Office of Undergraduate website.

Enrollment Term and Year:

Student Name(s) and Contact Info:

Faculty Mentor(s):

Student Major and Expected Graduation Date:

Desired prefix for this 499 (e.g., BIBL, HUMN, PSYC):

Relevant Prerequisite Courses/Experience:

Anticipated Expenses or Special Equipment Needs:

Planned research activities (**499A**): *Please attach a typed list of research activities you and your mentor plan to do this semester.*

Research Proposal (**499 B**): *Please attach a typed research proposal which follows the attached guidelines.*

Conference Plans (**499C only**): *Please attach a typed description of any conferences or journals where you hope to share your research and a copy of an abstract and bibliography of your research thus far.*

(Note: The committee may request additional information if this is a new project and you do not already have a 499B proposal on file with the Office of Undergraduate Research.)

Student's Signature: _____

Mentor's Signature: _____

Area Chair's Signature: _____

Director of UR Signature: _____

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499B Research Proposal Guidelines

The committee recognizes that research looks a little different from one discipline to another. Nevertheless, a research proposal is a valuable tool for any research project and will help ensure that you have a clear sense of direction as you launch into your research in earnest. This proposal will demonstrate that your plans are supported by promising exploratory research, serious preliminary thinking, reading about your topic, and/or conversations with your faculty mentor (presumably done during your 499A or another course). Please complete this proposal in consultation with your mentor.

Section 1: INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

- Introduce your research topic and explain why you have chosen it - the source of its interest or importance for you or your mentor. Describe what you anticipate to be the value of your research project--for others, as well as yourself.

Section 2: STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

- State your leading research question and any working hypotheses you may have at this point. The answer to this question will eventually become your thesis or hypothesis. The question will also help you determine which sources fit your topic.

Section 3: APPROACHING THE PROBLEM

- Describe what form will this project take in the end? (Poster Presentation, Research Presentation or Essay, Creative Presentation, etc.) Describe your plans for conducting the research— this section should include your planned research progression/timeline, anticipated materials, participants, plans for institutional review if applicable and outline any sources/experiments or other necessary research activities you anticipate.
- Describe a possible venue for presenting your research—in this section, you should describe a specific possibility (a conference or some other public presentation) for sharing your work even if you do not plan to continue with 499C.

Section 4: PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

- Provide here an annotated bibliography of at least 4 sources.