

## **CNR SPUR Program Course Enrollment Information for Independent Study or Research**

### **Course Numbers**

SPUR Grants may be applied toward

- faculty-initiated research projects undertaken as independent study courses numbered 99 for sophomores, 199 for juniors and seniors,
- or student-initiated projects such as senior thesis projects numbered 195 or Honors Program research numbered H196.

When enrolling in a 99 or 199 independent study course, the student should enroll in a section offered *by the faculty mentor's department*.

When enrolling in a 195 senior thesis or H196 honors research course, the student should enroll in a section *offered by his or her own major department*. If the project's faculty research mentor belongs to a CNR department different from the student's major department, the student should also identify a departmental faculty sponsor who will be listed as the course's Instructor of Record.

### **Unit Limits**

According to University Regulations no more than a total of 16 units of special studies courses (such as those numbered 99, 197, 198, 199) may apply toward your degree.

No more than 4 such units may be taken in any one semester.

### **Variable Unit Courses**

For variable unit courses, the unit value will be determined by the faculty mentor and student together, based on established Academic Senate regulations. Academic Senate Regulation 760 provides the following guideline: one unit of credit is equivalent to three hours of work per week, per 15-week semester. This adds up to 45 hours of work each semester for each unit. For details see [http://slc.berkeley.edu/ucftr/docs/unit\\_value.pdf](http://slc.berkeley.edu/ucftr/docs/unit_value.pdf)

## GPA Requirements

Minimum GPA requirements for enrollment in independent study or research courses – 99, 195, 199, or H196– vary department to department! Please be sure to check with your departmental Undergraduate Staff Advisor what the minimum GPA requirements are for the various Special Studies courses offered.

Examples:

Course number	Minimum GPA
PMB 99	3.3
ESPM 99	3.4
PMB 199	2.5
ESPM 199	2.0
ES 199	2.0
EEP 199	2.0
Any H196 course	3.2

## Additional Course Requirements

The student is responsible for fulfilling all additional requirements associated with the independent or research course s/he is enrolling in.

Examples:

### H196

If a student is proposing a research project as part of the CNR Honors Program, s/he will enroll in 8 units of H196 over two semesters in the department of her/his major program. The independent study work plan must include, as an Honors Program requirement, the preparation of a publishable paper according to standards relevant to the field/discipline in which the student is working. Minimum overall GPA required: 3.2

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ESPM: Submission of prospectus is required. The student should identify a departmental faculty sponsor if the project's faculty research mentor belongs to a department in CNR different from the student's major department (but still needs to be a **CNR** faculty member in order to qualify for SPUR funding). In addition two Advisory Committee members must be identified and must sign the course enrollment form.