

SOC/ANT INDEPENDENT STUDY (391) or INDEPENDENT RESEARCH (393) PROPOSAL FORM



1. Applicant Information. Students enrolling in the course should ideally have junior or senior status and a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.5 for ANT/SOC 391 and 3.0 for ANT/SOC 393. Students should be enrolled as a Sociology or Anthropology major or minor.

Name and PAWS ID:		
Email address:		
College/Cell Phone		
Credits Earned to Date:	Expected Date of Graduation:	Cumulative GPA:
Semester/Term:	Year:	
Number of Course Units for proposed research project:		

2. Independent Study or Research SUMMARY proposal: Independent study or research should be used for individual pursuit of topics within or beyond a student's major field of study which transcend the regularly available curriculum. When planning for independent study or research, the student and his or her advisor should strive to maintain a balance between this mode of study and other elective courses.

- 3. Learning Goals & Outcomes.** The course meets the following learning goals set out by the Department of Sociology & Anthropology:
- a. Original Research: Students will be able to conduct original research using appropriate primary and secondary sources and the empirical research tools characteristic of the discipline.
 - b. Application of Knowledge: Students will be able to apply their sociological/anthropological knowledge and be aware of connections between what they learn in the classroom.
 - c. Middle States/HSS learning outcomes: written communication, advanced critical analysis and reasoning, and strengthen information literacy skills.

The research paper/project needs to be completely original. All material taken from other sources must be properly cited in the text and clearly referenced in the bibliography.

After this form has been submitted for approval and signed by the appropriate faculty members, the student must upload the form to the the HSS Independent Study/Research Proposal System which can be found on the HSS website: <https://hss.tcnj.edu/study-and-research-courses-in-the-school-of-humanities-and-social-sciences/>.

The Dean's office will process your application and request your course registration through Records & Registration. We suggest that you check PAWS to ensure that you have been registered. If you have not been registered within 2 weeks of receiving approval, contact Records & Registration. The last day to be registered for Independent Study/Research is the last day of the drop/add period (usually the end of the first week of classes in the semester in which you will be enrolled in the course).

4. Research requirements: Together with the faculty supervisor, student should outline course deliverables and assessments. This should include frequency and duration of meetings with the faculty sponsor, and dates for completion of project milestones where applicable. The methods by which the student's work will be evaluated must be clearly stated in the proposal. Some appropriate forms of evaluation include a paper, a poster, and/or a presentation. To determine the number of credits, the guideline of a minimum of 12 hours of effort per week per course unit shall apply.

5. Faculty Supervisor

The faculty supervisor must be a full-time Sociology or Anthropology faculty member who agrees to oversee this research experience.

6. What do you hope to gain from working on this project? Specify knowledge, skills, and abilities:

How have you planned your schedule to accommodate the time commitment for this project? Be specific:

7. Signatures

Student: *I have read and agree to carry out the responsibilities outlined in this Course Proposal Form.*

Signature of Student Research Applicant

Date

Faculty Supervisor: *I am willing to serve as Faculty supervisor for the research project as described above.*

Signature of Faculty Supervisor

Date

Department Approval: *The signature below indicates approval of this agreement as of the date indicated.*

Signature of Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Date