

POLICY: Independent Study Classes in Anthropology (490, 491)

-Regularly scheduled classes will not be taught as independent study courses. The goal of an independent study class is to expand student learning beyond the normal classes.

-Students who wish to propose an independent study class must develop a proposal (subject, reading list, evaluation mechanism, etc.) and work with a faculty member to earn approval. If the proposal is insufficient, the faculty member can, and should, decline to supervise the study. Generally, anthropology majors and minors are most likely able to show the competence to successfully complete independent study in anthropological topics.

-Ordinarily, independent study courses are taught on top of the regular teaching load, unless they are taught in conjunction with a regularly scheduled class that counts towards teaching load (Makah Culture 190/192/491 counts as one course).

-Independent study courses are a privilege for students who show the desire and ability to take their studies beyond the normal course offerings of the department. A faculty member will support these efforts if his/her time and expertise allows.

-In senior sequence courses (480-499) faculty members not assigned to those courses will serve as mentors to individual students as far as their time and expertise allow.

-There is no course credit for the faculty for this additional work load. Faculty members must limit their independent studies and senior mentorship to a manageable level. Assigned classes, research, and service to the university take priority.