

Freshman-Sophomore H&SS Faculty Research Training Course Guidelines

These courses are designed to give students some real research experience working with a faculty project or in a lab in ways that might stimulate and nurture further interest in doing more research beyond the course. Faculty and students will meet regularly.

These courses are open to those students who will be 2nd semester freshmen or sophomores during the semester in which they take the course. H&SS, SHS and BHA students have first priority in taking these courses; registration for these courses is open only to these students through registration week and will be open to other freshmen and sophomores after that week.

Only one xx-198 course may be taken during the freshman and sophomore years. Each course is offered for 9 units. A 9-unit course generally means a minimum time and work commitment of 9 hours per week.

To participate, the student must have a minimum cumulative QPA of at least 3.0 at the time they talk with the faculty member about participating in their course, and must maintain a 3.0 or better up until the time they begin this course. If at least a 3.0 cumulative QPA is not obtained/maintained, an approved petition is required in order to be eligible to begin the course. A special petition form for this purpose is available in the H&SS Dean's Office, Baker Hall 154.

Note: First semester freshmen interested in participating in one of these course will not have a QPA at the time they would talk with a particular faculty sponsor. However, they may still apply for Spring semester, with final approval pending the Fall final QPA, or by petition..

These courses are elective courses and do not count toward General Education, major, double major or minor requirements. They do count as units toward graduation, and the grade earned factors into one's QPA.

Each course's faculty has a particular way in which he or she would like to be contacted about discussing interest in the course. Please refer to each course's description for details. Written agreement from the faculty sponsor (i.e., the "Research Course Contract) must be obtained before registering for one of these courses.