

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS**

**NEW COURSE PROPOSAL**

DATE OCTOBER  
PROGRAM AREA SOCIOLOGY

**1. Catalog Description of the Course.** *[Follow accepted catalog format.]*

Prefix SOC Course# 494 Title INDEPENDENT STUDY Units ( 1-3 )

1-3 hours by arrangement with instructor per week

☒ Prerequisites Permission of instructor.

☐ Corequisites

Description Independent Study in Sociology. Up to 3 units may be applied to the major. Independent study is for advanced students who wish to propose a course of study not currently offered in the curriculum.

☐ Gen Ed ☐ CR/NC ☒ Repeatable for up to 3 units

Categories

☐ Lab Fee Required ☐ A - Z Total Completions Allowed

**2. Mode of Instruction.**

	Units	Hours per Unit	Benchmark Enrollment	Graded Component	CS # (filled in by Dean)
Lecture				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seminar				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Laboratory				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Activity	1-3	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course.** (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) *[Use as much space as necessary]*

This elective course builds flexibility in the sociology curriculum by enabling students to benefit from faculty expertise in areas not generally offered in the curriculum. Students generally propose either directed readings in depth or an independent research project with the approval of the supervising faculty member. Depending on the project developed and on the units of credit requested, the student will be able to:

- (1) Develop a comprehensive reading list in an emerging area of the discipline or an area tailored to the student's specific research needs;
- (2) Work closely with a faculty member to produce, expand, or polish existing student work for presentation at a conference;
- (3) Design an original project that the student may wish to pursue further in post-baccalaureate work.

**4. Is this a General Education Course** YES ☐ NO ☒

If Yes, indicate GE category and attach GE Criteria Form:

**A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)**

A-1 Oral Communication ☐

A-2 English Writing ☐

A-3 Critical Thinking ☐

**B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)**

B-1 Physical Sciences ☐

B-2 Life Sciences – Biology ☐

B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications ☐

B-4 Computers and Information Technology ☐

**C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)**

C-1 Art ☐

C-2 Literature Courses ☐

C-3a Language ☐

C-3b Multicultural ☐

**D (Social Perspectives)**

**E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives)**

**UD Interdisciplinary** ☐

**5. Course Content in Outline Form.** *[Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]*

Content of the independent elective will depend on the course of study elected by the student and faculty member. A model for directed readings could include the following:

(I) Student and Faculty meet to design and negotiate the reading list (Weeks 1-2)

(II) Student and Faculty discuss readings on a weekly or biweekly basis (Weeks 3-13)

(III) Student presents to faculty and any other interested students an expanded review essay incorporating all of the readings completed during the semester and an original analysis. Generally in the course of a semester, a student will select 4 or 5 recent or classic monographs and a complement of journal articles. (Weeks 14-15)

Does this course overlap a course offered in your academic program? YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap?

Does this course overlap a course offered in another academic area? YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap?

Signature of Academic Chair of the other academic area is required on the consultation sheet below.

**6. Cross-listed Courses (Please fill out separate form for each PREFIX)**

List Cross-listed Courses

Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required on the consultation sheet below

Department responsible for staffing: Sociology

**7. References.** *[Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]*

N/A

**8. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.**

Elizabeth Hartung  
Sociology Faculty

**9. Frequency.**

a. Projected semesters to be offered: Fall ☒ Spring ☒ Summer ☐

**10. New Resources Required.** YES ☐ NO ☒

If YES, list the resources needed and obtain signatures from the appropriate programs/units on the consultation sheet below.

a. Computer (data processing), audio visual, broadcasting needs, other equipment)

b. Library needs

c. Facility/space needs

**11. Will this new course alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program?** YES ☐ NO ☒

If, YES attach a program modification form for all programs affected.

Elizabeth Hartung  
Proposer of Course

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9/22/2005  
Date

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