UGRC: Registering for a 190 (Independent Study)

Overview:
Students registering for 190 in the respective department of their faculty mentor should complete their 190 forms before the end of the second week of the quarter they wish to begin their research in the community.

As each department differs in policy, it is very important to research your individual department’s rules and requirements related to registering for 190 classes. It is highly recommended that you meet with your departmental advisor to insure that your 190 credits will work effectively towards your graduation requirements.

190/Independent or Special Studies:
190’s usually require a form that includes the following information:
- Name, quarter, year, major, SID#, instructor name and number of intended units from 190 (in UGRC, this should be discussed with your faculty mentor)
- Short description of the student’s proposed program of study with signature from supervising instructor
- Signature from Chairperson of the department

Other 190 Options:
Independent Study/190 options differ by department. Some departments include a wide range of “190 Series” courses that may mean different things for you and your graduation path.

As an example, Political Science offers the following 190 Courses:

POSC 190. Special Studies (1-5) Individual study, 3-15 hours. Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor and department chair. Student prepares a written proposal endorsed by a supervising instructor, as a means of meeting individual curricular needs. Course is repeatable to a maximum of 15 units.

POSC 197. Research for Undergraduates (1-4) Outside research, 1-4 hours. Offers opportunity for directed individual research, to result in a substantial paper, when a student wishes to do a deeper study of a topic than is possible in the normal term paper.

POSC 199. Senior Research (1-4) Outside research, 3-12 hours. Prerequisite(s): upper-division standing and consent of instructor. Independent work under the direction of members of the staff. The project may be undertaken as a one-, two-, or three-quarter sequence. In the case of a two- or three-quarter sequence, the final grade may be deferred until completion of the last quarter. Course is repeatable to a maximum of 12 units.

While one student would prefer to register for 190 Special Studies, a senior student may choose POSC 199 in order to fulfill a capstone requirement or carry different distinction. However you decide to seek credit for your UGRC participation is ultimately a decision for you, your faculty mentor and your academic advisor.

Internships/ 198I:
Most departments include a “198-I” or Internship as a course for students to pursue. For individuals who would like to hold this internship distinction and meet the requirements for internships based upon their departmental academic advisor, must also file paperwork available through the Career Center.

Learn more about Career Center requirements for this paperwork process here: http://careers.ucr.edu/Students/internships.htm