

PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY (GERMAN 399)

The Department of German offers Independent Study courses (399, limit two) to seniors working towards an honor thesis in German and, in exceptional cases, to highly qualified juniors or seniors with excellent academic records focusing on a clearly defined project that meets academic standards and demonstrates intellectual rigor. Qualified students must consult initially with an appropriate faculty member, having first prepared an outline of the subject matter and a clear statement of the goals of the research. If the faculty member determines that the subject and scope of the project are appropriate for an independent study and agrees to direct the research, the student should then prepare to submit the formal petition and supporting materials. Petitions for 399 courses must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies in consultation with the sponsoring faculty. The Director of Undergraduate Studies will inform the student about the status of a 399 petition no later than the beginning of registration. All 399 projects must be completed and papers submitted to the faculty member no later than the first day of Finals Week. Students petitioning for a German 399 must be German majors or minors and take the course for a grade (no PN).

To petition for an Independent Study, fill out this petition form (including your (electronic) signature and the signature of the supporting faculty member) and attach: a one- to two-page project description; a bibliography; a tentative schedule of meetings ; a description of how the completed work will be evaluated. Completed Petitions must be submitted to the Director of Undergraduate Studies one week prior to registration for the quarter in which the project is to be undertaken. (Franziska Lys at flys@northwestern.edu).

PETITION FORM

Name of Student

Email and Phone Number:

I am working towards a ...

Major in German

Minor in German

Minor in Business German

German Studies Minor

Date of Expected Graduation

Quarter in which Independent Study will take place.

Title of Independent Study

I have attached the following:

A one- to two-page project description including bibliography

A schedule of meetings with my faculty advisor

A description of how the work will be evaluated

Student Signature and Date

Faculty Signature and Date

Petition is

approved

not approved

Reason

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