

SOCIOLOGY 396

Independent Study and Reading

This course may be taken for 1-3 hours credit, depending on the amount of academic work to be done by the student. Juniors and Seniors are eligible to take this course with any appropriate and available faculty member in the Sociology Department. However, no faculty member may supervise more than two Sociology 396 students in a given semester, and **students may not register for the course more than twice during their college careers.** It is generally expected that a student will have already taken at least two or three previous sociology courses before enrolling in Sociology 396.

Credit for less than 3-hours cannot be counted for the sociology major as one of your sociology courses.

Following are some typical uses of Sociology 396

- The student does reading and research in an area in which no regular course is offered.
- The student has taken course work in an area and wishes advanced or more specialized work in that field.
- The student combines employment and/or study in some internship program for which he/she wishes to receive academic credit.

A student wishing to take Sociology 396 should carefully think through the area he/she wants to work on. If an internship is planned, it is the student's responsibility to secure the employment. After the student has decided on a place of action, he/she should contact a Sociology faculty member whose interest are in or related to the topic area. If the faculty member agrees to supervise the student's independent study, the attached form must be filled out and signed by both student and faculty member; then it must be turned in by the student at the Department office for approval by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The Director will delete from the course roll any name for which approval has not been obtained.

It is up to the student and the supervising instructor to decide the details on what reading and/or outside work is to be done by the student, how often the two will meet to discuss what is being accomplished in the course, and what paper(s) or examination(s) will be part of the course. **REGARDLESS OF THE DETAILS, THE BASIS FOR CREDIT IN THE COURSE MUST BE WRITTEN WORK INVOLVING SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS.**

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