

## **UC 499 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone Experience**

### **Course Description**

This is an independent study course for one semester hour credit requiring development of an integrative project. Students must make arrangements in advance of registration for supervision by a faculty member.

### **Course Content**

As this is an independent study course, the content will vary. However, the student will be expected to develop, in consultation with the faculty supervisor, a culminating project for the BIS degree. The project is an opportunity for the student to integrate and apply learning from the broad area of emphasis, demonstrate critical thinking skills and provide evidence of effective written communication skills. It may be a research project, a review and synthesis of literature, a portfolio presentation or an internship with a written result.

### **Course Contract**

When a faculty member agrees to supervise an individual's UC 499 project, the faculty member agrees to consult with the student to define objectives, responsibilities and expected outcomes for the culminating project. While student expectations will vary, incorporated in the expectations should be evidence of integration of knowledge in the broad area of emphasis, demonstration of critical thinking skills, and evidence of effective written communication skills. Students will be required also to assess the impact of their educational experiences on personal and professional perspectives and growth via an exit questionnaire.

### **Course Grade**

The course is a graded course. The student is expected to complete requirements for the course by the end of the semester in which the student is registered.

### **Course Registration Eligibility**

UC 499 is a restricted course for which staff at the University College will issue course passes to students meeting the following criteria:

- Have an official degree program on file;
- Have satisfactorily completed the majority of courses shown on the undergraduate degree program;
- Have identified a faculty member with expertise in the student's area of emphasis who is willing to supervise the student's project; and
- Submitted at least a first draft of the UC 499 Independent Study Contract with signatures of the faculty supervisor and the student.

### **Faculty Supervisor's Responsibilities:**

By agreeing to supervise a student's project, the faculty member also agrees to:

- Develop a course contract in consultation with the student;
- Supervise and grade the student's project in keeping with the general course content outlined above. An holistic sample scoring rubric approved by the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Committee is located on the University College website and is available for your use.
- Submit a grade by the published deadline to University College, Cherry Hall room 301.
- Provide a copy of the final project to the University College for assessment of the BIS program of study.

A small stipend is available for the full-time faculty member who is already teaching a full load for the semester in which the course is being supervised or for a part-time faculty member. So there is no misunderstanding about the amount of the stipend, please contact Dr. Dennis George at the University College at (270) 745-3570.

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