

# UCSB Department of English

## Undergraduate Independent Research Assistance

### English 199RA

The English 199RA Independent Research Assistance Course gives qualified undergraduates a chance to assist in a faculty research project. The 199RA is designed not only to forward participating instructors' interests, but also to give students significant research experience beyond what would be received in an ordinary undergraduate course.

For each four-unit 199RA course expect to do 10-12 hours of work per week, including a one-hour meeting with the instructor and a significant amount of reading and writing. Professors actively seeking assistants will include a description of their projects with the College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) office. Their web site is <http://www.ltsc.ucsb.edu/urca>. Announcements will be made on the English Undergraduate Listserv also.

If there is a faculty member who has not advertised, but whose area of interest corresponds to yours, ask if an assistant needed. To find regular faculty members' areas of specialization, visit the staff undergraduate adviser, or the faculty information sites on the department pages at [www.english.ucsb.edu](http://www.english.ucsb.edu).

#### **Before enrolling in English 199RA, you must have met the following requirements!**

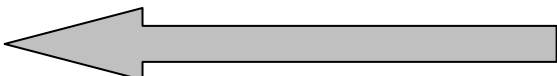
1. Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) must be at least 3.0 for the preceding three quarters.
2. At least 84 units must have been completed overall.
3. At least two upper-division English courses must have been completed, one of which should be relevant to the subject to be studied.

Exceptions to the above requirements to be made only with faculty sponsor, undergraduate chair, and College of Letters & Science approval.

Students are limited to five (5) units *per quarter* and 30 units for *all* 98/99 and 198/199/199RA courses combined. A maximum of eight (8) units of 199/199RA may apply toward the English major.

Approval for a 199RA cannot be rushed and is to be completed in the quarter *before* the project is begun. Do not start the project without full approval *and* an add-code so you can register for the course!!!

An application is on the other side!



Are you informed? [www.english.ucsb.edu](http://www.english.ucsb.edu)

**UCSB DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
PETITION FOR ENGLISH 199RA: RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

Student name : \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Perm. number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email/local telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Units to be applied: \_\_\_\_\_ (Dept. norm is 4.0)

**To be filled out by Undergraduate Staff Adviser:**

What is the overall GPA for preceding 3 quarters (3.0 needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the minimum number of units completed? (84 needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Have at least 2 upper division English courses been completed? \_\_\_\_\_

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**To be filled out by Instructor *and* Student:**

a) What is the title of the project? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Please provide a description of the proposed research program. Include the reading and writing that will be done. The reading and writing for a 4-unit 199RA should be comparable in quantity and scope, though not necessarily in form, to that of an ordinary 4-unit course, and the writing should be given an assignment of a letter-grade.

c) What are the numbers of hours per week that the student will work? \_\_\_\_\_

- Please note that there is a minimum of ten hours per week for a 4-unit course, and that this weekly workload should include at least one weekly hour-long meeting with the instructor.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Staff Adviser's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Chair's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_