

Guidelines for Graduate Special Topics taken as an Independent Study
(ANT 598)

Some guidelines about the use of **ANT 598** for independent study may help clarify the purposes and procedures for such courses.

1. These courses should provide the opportunity to pursue study either unavailable or only briefly dealt with in regularly scheduled courses. Clearly, the theoretical grounding and empirical content of a 598 course should reflect the 500-level designation.
2. The student's workload should be comparable to that in a regular course -- that is approximately three hours of work per week (including contact with the instructor) for each credit hour earned. From one to six credit hours may be earned.
3. The instructor should state on the attached form the specific topic and the basis of evaluation. This statement should be filed for review with the Director of Graduate Programs and Graduate Secretary by the end of the second week of the semester.
4. If and only if the instructor and student agree, the course may be graded S/U. This should be noted on the form
5. At the start of the semester, the instructor and student should agree in writing on the course topic, assignments, requirements for written work, and evaluation methods.
6. Where original research is involved or where the goal of the independent study is to teach research skills beyond those taught in ANT 516, the student should write a paper that grows out of the research experience.
7. Independent study courses are **not** intended to: (1) provide "free" research assistance to the instructor, or (2) give an "easy A" to the student.