

BIS 492 SENIOR THESIS
- REQUEST FOR ENTRY CODE -

Description

Senior thesis (BIS 492) is a significant independent research project (10 credits over 2 quarters) planned and carried out by the student in collaboration with campus faculty on a significant scholarly topic. Thesis does not exist as an alternative to the curriculum, but rather serves as a privileged supplement to the curriculum, and is intended to offer qualified students the opportunity for creative self-directed research.

Students may apply only 15 credits of variable credit coursework towards their BA degree. This total is cumulative between course numbers BIS 398 (Directed Study), BIS 498 (Undergraduate Research) and BIS 492 (Senior Thesis).

Eligibility

Students seeking to pursue a thesis must have a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.5 in the IAS program. Please notify the advising office at least one quarter before beginning the thesis to inquire about the process and to verify your eligibility. NOTE: Senior Thesis is not available during Summer Quarter.

Requirements

Students interested in completing a thesis should have a research topic identified and should arrange for a faculty member to oversee the research and writing process. Note the following standards:

- the student must demonstrate adequate preparation, as evidenced by grades and/or previous course work in the area of proposed research.
- prior to registration, faculty must approve a student initiated 3 page, typed, double-spaced proposal. The proposal should include: a title, tentative thesis statement, detailed outline of what the student is going to do, theory and methods to be used (where appropriate), plus a one page bibliography of appropriate sources. Attach a copy of the proposal to this cover sheet. The proposal may be in the form of an outline.
- it is expected that a student will write 5 typed, double-spaced pages per credit hour. Obviously, this standard does not apply to all subject matters, e.g., art or video that is non-textual in nature. See the instructor for such cases.

Students should expect to complete 3 hours of research per credit per week. This means that a 5 credit hour course will involve 15 hours (3x5hrs.) of outside research per week, in addition to scheduled meetings with the instructor.

Student name: _____

Quarters/year (excluding summer): _____

I authorize an add code to be released to the student.

Faculty Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Note: return this form to the IAS program office to obtain an entry code. Do not leave the form with the instructor. Students are responsible for registering for Thesis credit before the last day to add courses for the quarter.