

The Media School

RESEARCH IN MEDIA —X498

The Media School faculty provides a limited number of “Independent Research” opportunities for undergraduate students. These student-initiated research projects are offered as MSCH-X 498.

Students may propose independent research projects that yield insight into any aspect of media practice or theory. All proposals must be developed in concert with a sponsoring full-time faculty member prior to enrollment in X498. See: <http://mediaschool.indiana.edu/faculty/> for a list of eligible faculty.

GUIDELINES

1. Media School majors may enroll for one to three credit hours of X498 in any one semester and may earn no more than four X498 credit hours in total. Research projects requiring student effort averaging 3-5 hours per week over the full semester will earn 1 credit hour; 6-10 hours per week earn 2 credit hours; 11 or more hours earn 3 credit hours. Projects undertaken during summer sessions require twice as many weekly hours if over an 8-week session, three times as many if over a 6-week session, and four times as much if over a 4-week session. In all cases, regular faculty supervision and guidance must be incorporated into the research plan.
2. Registration in X498 is normally limited to Media School majors with *senior* standing.
3. Students will be required to show evidence of satisfactory completion of relevant courses in the School before undertaking independent study.
4. Costs related to a student-initiated research project will be borne by the student.
5. All projects should be completed in the semester of registration.
6. No student will be registered for X498 if he or she has an “incomplete” recorded for a previous MSCH-X 498, MSCH-J 499 or JOUR-J 499. Plan your workload carefully.

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- PETITION FOR ENROLLMENT -

Student: _____ Date: _____

Student #: _____ I. U. e-mail: _____

Credit Hours Proposed: _____ Local phone: _____

Semester & Year of enrollment: _____ Project Advisor: _____

Advisor's email: _____

Complete this form digitally using Adobe Acrobat (hand-written forms are unacceptable). Then print, collect your adviser's signature, attach your **X498 Research Proposal**, and deliver to DUS office, Franklin Hall 230.

A ONE-PAGE PERSONAL RESUME

1. Include your name, local address, telephone number and e-mail address, degree program, and anticipated graduation date.
2. Under the heading "Academic Background" list your current grade point average and courses you have completed that are relevant to your proposed research project, along with final grade and date of completion for each course. Also, note any independent Research Projects previously enrolled in, their dates of completion (or current status if uncompleted), credit hours earned, and grades.
3. Finally, list any other relevant experiences that qualify you to undertake the proposed study.

A ONE-TO-TWO PAGE RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL OUTLINE

1. The research project title (40 words or fewer)
2. An abstract of approximately 300 words including the research question, the rationale for the study, the hypothesis (if any), the method and the anticipated main findings.
3. A study plan, including a description of the research activities and any reports, papers, or other materials that will be produced for the grade earned in the course.
4. A schedule of research project completion, phase by phase (proposal, theory development, data collection, analysis, etc.).
5. Description of a counseling schedule with the faculty sponsor (100 words or fewer).

No Petition will be approved without these supporting documents.

FACULTY SPONSOR & SCHOOL APPROVAL

I agree to supervise the proposed project and recommend its approval.

Faculty Sponsor

Date

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Date