

Student-Advisor Contract
WS 4830 Directed Readings (1-2 credits)

Student Name (Please print)

Semester/Year

Catalog Description

Independent readings or secondary research on advanced special topics under the direction of a faculty mentor. For each hour of credit in a readings project the student is required to read approximately 20 journal articles/book chapters. Repeatable for a maximum of 3 credit hours. A paper written in APA/MLA style and oral report are required at the end of the term. Prerequisite: WS1500 and faculty mentor permission.

Guidelines

If you plan to do directed readings, you will need to accomplish the following. In addition to what is listed below, you must write a paragraph explaining your general topic, what you plan to focus on, and the specific points you plan to address. This must be turned in to the faculty mentor, along with this form, prior to starting your directed readings. Without both of these, you will not receive a grade for directed readings. Consistent with University guidelines, you should expect to work approximately 3 hours per week per credit hour. If you take WS 4830 for one credit hour for a 14 week semester, you should expect to devote a minimum of 42 hours.

If you are registering for 1 hour of directed readings, you must:

1. Have regular meetings with the faculty mentor. If meetings are missed, you must at least have email/phone contact.
2. Follow the semester outline for due dates for your directed readings (another form).
3. Submit outlines of your scholarly research as you go along (according to the due dates provided by the faculty mentor).
4. Submit a rough draft of your final paper at least 2 weeks prior to the last day of classes.
5. Submit a final paper in APA/MLA style (approximately 10-15 pages), with approximately 15 non-textbook references, no later than the last day of classes.
6. Present your research at a department session, or other agreed upon forum.

If you are registered for 2 hours of directed readings, you must complete the same steps as above, wherein the final paper should be approximately 15 pages with approximately 20 non-textbook references.

If you are registered for directed readings in preparation for a research project, you will complete all of the above, and you will also:

1. Apply for IRB approval (this can be done at the end of the semester)
2. You are also strongly encouraged to apply for funding through WSU's undergraduate research funds.

Please remember that *you the student* are responsible for initiating, maintaining, and completing your directed readings. If you fail to complete your project, you will receive a failing grade, and you forfeit any funds received from WSU for research and/or travel. REMEMBER that you are the one who guides the research, so please make sure you take responsibility for your work. If you do not complete your work by the due dates, you may receive an INC or T for your grade (or a lower grade).

Student Signature

Date

Faculty Signature

Date

Note: If changes to this contract are necessary, faculty mentors will attach written documentation to this contract.