

## SPAN 491: Research

### Guidelines and Criteria

In the Department of Hispanic Studies, SPAN 491 courses are special courses to meet the needs of students who are working on completing credit hour requirements by carrying out independent, original research in linguistics, literature, or culture. The stated objective of such a course is an original scholarly product such as an Honors Thesis, which can be presented at a professional or student conference, or be published in a peer-refereed journal. In all cases, unless there is a written agreement otherwise, it will be understood that the student will be credited as author or co-author of any resulting publication. SPAN 491 is NOT for general use as an elective.

Requirements/Conditions to register:

1. Junior or Senior classification
2. Permission of the supervising faculty member/instructor
3. Approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies
4. Limited use - may be repeated for a maximum of eight (8) credits
5. If the research project involves the participation of human subjects, IRB (Institutional Review Board) clearance and approval must be acquired, and laws and regulations governing human subject research must be complied with

It is further understood that:

1. Individual consultation and agreement between student and faculty will precede this formal written request.
2. There will be regular meetings between the student and the faculty supervisor as agreed upon at the beginning of the semester.
3. Although clock hours are not absolute, limiting or monitored, a general guideline is the expenditure of a minimum of 45 clock hours per semester hour of credit requested. This includes actual student-faculty contact hours as well as the time a student spends writing.
4. Specific writing goals should be agreed upon and fulfilled to obtain a passing grade.

Please return the completed signed form to Dr. Patrick Bolger in 205 Academic Building **at least two weeks prior to the first day of the pre-registration period corresponding to the semester you are requesting the course.**

DEPARTMENT OF HISPANIC STUDIES  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
SPAN 491: RESEARCH  
CONTRACT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's UIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester: \_\_ Fall \_\_ Spring \_\_ SSI \_\_ SSII \_\_ 10 Week

Enrollment in SPAN 491 - (section number): \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty offering course: \_\_\_\_\_ *In Office Use - (UIN: \_\_\_\_\_)*

Purpose/objective of the course: (Briefly describe the course content.)

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Describe the manner and frequency of meetings, and list the research tasks the student will undertake.

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**I have read and understood the general directions on the first page of this application.**

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Faculty Supervisor Signature

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Undergraduate Director Signature

*Distribution: Undergraduate Director  
Faculty Supervisor  
Student  
Student's Departmental File*