

## 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 should be 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 the Director of Undergraduate Studies in 205 Academic Building **at least two weeks prior to the** first day of **the** pre-registration period **corresponding to** the semester for which the course is requested.

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

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's UIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment in SPAN 491, Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester: (Fall, Spring, SSI, SSII) 202 \_\_

Name of Professor Supervising Research: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose/reason for the Research (briefly describe the research content and purpose):

Describe the requirements to be completed, including paper or thesis, readings, etc. Attach a copy of the research outline.

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

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Student's signature

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Date

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Supervising Professor's signature

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Director of Undergraduate Studies' signature

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Department Head's signature

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