

**Research in Ethnic Studies**  
**Ethnic Studies 191B - Winter 2009**

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**Course Description**

Research in Ethnic Studies 191B is designed to be a working quarter which follows the writing of the Research Prospectus that you wrote in the fall. This quarter will be dedicated to actually doing the research for your project and working with your chosen mentor. This will require meeting with your mentor to discuss your research progress and project in general. In addition we will meet as a group every other week, and more if necessary, to discuss and share our research progress. This quarter you are expected to complete all research tasks that include library and archival research, any interviews, and participant observation or other work that you have planned to conduct for the final writing of your thesis. By the end of the quarter you will be required to be ready to begin the writing of your honors thesis.

In working with your mentor:

- Go over your research plan at the beginning of the quarter with your mentor to make sure you can complete the research by the end of the winter quarter.
- Meet at least one hour per week with your mentor
- Give a weekly progress report or update to your mentor
- Work closely with your mentor to ensure that all research activities are completed

At the end of the quarter I will ask each of your mentors to assign a grade representing your progress this quarter. This will be your final grade for the quarter.

Remember that the spring quarter is devoted to intensive writing and revising. You need to have your research completed by the time you begin writing. There may be minor research additions you will need to make to clarify specific points for your writing, but the spring quarter will be dedicated to the final conceptualization and writing of your Honors Paper. You will be required to complete a paper of about 40 to 50 pages. During the spring we will meet weekly as a group to work on writing issues, to read each other's drafts and provide each other with constructive criticism.

**Schedule of Class Meetings:**

January 7

January 21 (Mary and Carmina)

February 4 (Alva and Shell-Sea)

February 18 (Alex and Janice)

March 2 (Tara, Chris and Zain)

March 11 (Karmin, Kirstie, and Patricia)

**Please note:**

- We agreed that we would shorten the class time to 11-1. If we need more time, we can switch back to the 10-1 schedule.
- We agreed that for each meeting, all students will turn in a 1-page progress report by end of Monday of that week
- I have assigned people to bring food (see above). If that does not work for you, please let the group know immediately.