

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY FULLERTON
DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

INTERDISCIPLINARY THEMATIC PLAN

POLICY ON SENIOR PROJECTS

This policy is intended to provide students with clear objectives and expectations, efficient project organization, timely completion, and strong faculty support, as well as a sense of community.

I. All Interdisciplinary Thematic Plan (ITP) students are required to attain approval of their Senior Project Proposal during the semester prior to their enrollment in Independent Study (499). The proposal must be approved and signed by both the faculty member who will act as project supervisor and a Liberal Studies advisor before the student will be permitted to enroll for an Independent Study (499). Created in close collaboration with their project supervisor, the proposal shall include a clear statement of the topic, a well-defined approach to the project, a preliminary list of sources, and a specific schedule for the completion of the project including realistic due dates for drafts or other indications of progress.

II. In most instances, the three units of independent study (499) shall be distributed across the last two semesters before graduation (1 unit of 499 in the next-to-last semester; 2 units of 499 in the last semester).

III. If circumstances warrant, a student may (with the joint approval of their project supervisor and their Liberal Studies advisor) take all three units of 499 in a single semester.

IV. All ITP students are required to attend at least one Senior Project Workshop in the semester prior to their enrollment in Independent Study (499). Senior Project Workshops feature presentations by ITP students currently completing their projects as well as a faculty-taught module on techniques and procedures for the successful completion of a research paper or similar project. The workshops provide opportunities for ITP students to learn and gain support from peers and faculty. No Senior Project Proposal will be approved without proof of the student's prior attendance at a Senior Project Workshop.

V. All ITP students are required to present a summary of their Senior Project at a Senior Project Workshop during their final fall or spring semester prior to graduation. No ITP student will be allowed to graduate without proof of a satisfactory presentation of his or her work at a Senior Project Workshop.

VI. Senior Project Workshop dates will be announced early each semester.