Supervised Special Studies Courses for Undergraduates

A) Subject to the limitations in (C) a student may earn credit for supervised special studies courses on topics of the student's own selection. An undergraduate taking one or more special studies courses must complete an application for each such course before the start of the course.

B) Course Number
Ordinarily special studies courses are numbered 97, 98, or 99 for lower division and 197, 198, or 199 for upper division. The 97 and 197 courses are for individually arranged field studies. The 98 and 198 courses are for directed group study. The 99 and 199 courses are for individual independent study. [Am 10/29/02]

C) Limitations
1) Enrollment requires the prior consent of the instructor who is to supervise the study, and the approval of the department chair. The applicant shall show that his or her background is adequate for the proposed study.

2) A student must have completed at least 30 units of undergraduate study at UCSD and must have attained a UCSD grade-point average of at least 3.0 to enroll in a lower division special studies course, and at least 90 units of undergraduate study and must have attained a grade-point average of at least 2.5 to enroll in an upper division special studies course. [Am 5/29/79, Am 3/30/82, Rt by Assembly 5/26/82, Am 10/29/02, Am 5/27/03]

3) A student may enroll for no more than a total of four units of 98, 99, 198 and 199 special studies courses in one term. [Am 5/23/78, Am 5/28/85, Am 10/29/02]

4) Except as may otherwise be authorized by the Undergraduate Council (e.g., for Honors Programs), only a grade of P or NP is to be assigned for undergraduates enrolled in any special studies course. [Am 4/27/76, Am 5/24/77, Am 5/28/96, Am 3/1/11]

5) Subject to the approval of the Undergraduate Council, a department may impose additional limitations on its supervised special studies courses.

D) Exceptions
On the advice of the instructor(s) and the department chair concerned, the provost of a student's college may authorize exceptions to the limitations (2) and (3) listed above. [Am 4/25/95]