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Course Outline Cover Page

Directed Study: Selected Topics

Course Title

SS 280

Department and Number

Course Description:

This course is a mentored research practicum for Micronesian Studies majors which culminates in a major original paper on an important Micronesian issue.

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	Hours per Week		No. of Week		Total Hours	=	Semester Credits	
Lecture	<u> </u>	x	<u> </u>	x	<u> </u>	=	<u> </u>	
Laboratory	<u> <u>3</u> </u>	x	<u> <u>16</u> </u>	x	<u> <u>48/16</u> </u>	=	<u> <u>3</u> </u>	
Workshop	<u> </u>	x	<u> </u>	x	<u> </u>	=	<u> </u>	
Total Semester Credits								<u> <u>3</u> </u>

Purpose of Course: Degree Requirement
Degree Elective
Certificate
Remedial
Other (workshop)

Prerequisite Course(s): EN 120b, SS 101, SS 200, SS 205, SS 212, SS 214, SS 220

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Signature, President, COM-FSM

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Date Approved by President

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I. Course Objectives

A. General

Students will demonstrate the ability to plan, research and write a major original paper (25-30 pages in length) on an important Micronesian issue.

B. Specific

Students will demonstrate the ability to formulate a research problem and thesis that will lead to an original paper on an important Micronesian issue.

Students will demonstrate the ability to develop an appropriate research design for their chosen topic

Students will demonstrate the ability develop a comprehensive research strategy using print resources from the library, electronic resources from the internet, and human resources in the form of interviews, questionnaires and case studies.

Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively implement their research strategies and gather data necessary to their research problem.

Students will demonstrate the ability to write a well-structured and properly formatted paper in a clear, concise and convincing style.

II. Course Contents

Overview of important issues in contemporary Micronesia

Social issues

Economic issues

Political issues

Educational issues

Cultural issues

Exploration of literature in the issue areas

Choosing an issue area

Formulating a research problem and thesis

Developing a research design

Print material

Electronic material

Human informants

Implementing the research design

Reading and paraphrasing of print material

Reading and paraphrasing of electronic material

Collecting information from informants

Constructing the final research paper in a coherent fashion that culminates in a well researched, well-written and convincing piece of work.

Division review of student papers prior to awarding of final grade

III. Textbooks -None

IV. Required Course Materials - None

V. Reference Materials

Dowden, B., Logical Reasoning, 1993, Wadworth Publishing

Federated States of Micronesia, Proceedings of the 2nd FSM Economic Summit

Federated States of Micronesia, Statistical Yearbook 1999

Hanlon, D., Remaking Micronesia: Discourses over Development in a Pacific Territory 1944-1982, University of Hawaii Press, 1998

Harnack, A., Writing Research Papers, 1994, Greenhaven Press

Hessler, R. Social Research Methods, 1992, West Publishing Company

Hoover, K., Elements of Social Scientific Thinking 6th Edition, 1994, Worth Publishing

Patton, M., Qualitative Evaluation Methods, 1980, Sage Publishing Company

Paul, R., Critical Thinking, 1993, Foundation for Critical Thinking

Rapaport, M., The Pacific Islands: Environment & Society, Bess Press, 1999

Smith, H., Strategies of Social Research: The Methodological Imagination, 1991, Holt, Rinehart & Winston

VI. Instructional Costs - None

VII. Methods of instruction

Lecture

Discussion
Individualized assistance

VIII. Method of Evaluation

20% -- Class Attendance

40% -- Research Task Completion

40% -- Final Research Paper

Grading Scale

90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D

59% and below = F

IX. Attendance Policy

The standard COM-FSM attendance policy applies to this course.

Note: To ensure required contact hours as well as steady student progress, a maximum of student work will be done in the classroom during regular class hours under the supervision of the instructor. Student library, electronic and informant research will be considered homework to be done before coming to class and will not normally be considered as contact time.